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ICMR APPROVES NEW METHOD TO SPEED UP COVID-19 TESTING

The antigen-based testing kits will allow infected patients to be diagnosed much faster without a lab examination

RESULTS IN LESS THAN 30 MINUTES

The kit, called Standard Q Covid-19 Ag, costs about ₹500 and will show results within 30 minutes. Experts say the new method will significantly boost India's testing rate, which has been criticised as insufficient. The current method — RT-PCR — costs ₹2,500 per kit and samples need to be transported to and examined at a limited number of laboratories

ANTIGEN-BASED KITS ARE 'RELIABLE'

- Antigen-based kits test for the presence of molecules of the pathogen that triggers an immune response in an infected person
- The new kits have been recommended by the ICMR considering their very high specificity and relatively lower sensitivity levels, meaning they can produce results that are reliable

4,186

PER MILLION PEOPLE IS INDIA'S PRESENT COVID-19 TESTING RATE

CHENNAI • MADURAI • VIJAYAWADA • BENGALURU • KOCHI • HYDERABAD • VISAKHAPATNAM • COIMBATORE • KOZHIKODE • THIRUVANANTHAPURAM • BELAGAVI • BHUBANESWAR • SHIVAMOGGA • MANGALURU • TIRUPATI • TIRUCHY • TIRUNELVELI • SAMBALPUR • HUBBALLI • DHARMAPURI • KOTTAYAM • KANNUR • VILLUPURAM • KOLLAM • WARANGAL • TADEPALLIGUDEM • NAGAPATTINAM • THRISSUR • KALABURAGI

STATE TWEAKS QUARANTINE NORMS AGAIN

3-day institutional isolation for TN, Delhi returnees; Government to cap prices for Covid treatment at private hospitals

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

FOLLOWING a spike in Covid-19 cases, especially of travellers from other states coming into Karnataka, the State Government has decided to tweak its quarantine norms. Henceforth, those arriving from Tamil Nadu and New Delhi will have to undergo three days of institutional quarantine followed by 11 days of home quarantine.

The seven-day institutional quarantine followed by seven days of home quarantine for those returning from Maharashtra and 14-day home quarantine for returnees from other states remains unchanged.

The decision was taken at a high-level meeting headed by Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa on Monday. "There is a spike in Covid cases because of people returning from other states and not because of movement within the state. We have to regulate the movement of people from other states," Yediyurappa said.

Medical Education Minister Dr K Sudhakar said that the government will cap prices at private hospitals and labs to avoid exploitation of Covid-19 patients. "The new, regulated prices will be uniform across the state, but may vary a little in Bengaluru. We will issue orders to all private and corporate hospitals with large number of beds to set up isolation wards and start treating Covid patients," Dr Sudhakar added.

Private hospitals have been asked to join hands as the number of Covid-positive cases is rising and the government facilities alone cannot handle the rush, he said.

The State Government has also decided to organise a 'Mask Day' on Thursday to create awareness on the importance of wearing masks and ensuring social distancing.

"We will take out a march from Ambedkar statue at Vidhana Soudha, maintaining social distancing. Celebrities too will be part of the rally. Similar events will be organised at district, taluk and hobli levels," he said.

Those not wearing masks in public places will be fined Rs 200, the minister said.

Yediyurappa is expected to brief Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Karnataka's handling of the Covid-19 scenario on Thursday evening.

The Chief Minister said, "There are no plans for another lockdown. In fact, we will request the Prime Minister for more relaxations." P4

YOUR NEWSPAPER IS TOTALLY SAFE

Commuters wear masks on a BMTC bus at the Kempegowda Bus Station in Bengaluru on Monday. Social distancing norms are being followed inside buses | PANDARINATH B

Second plasma therapy patient dies in B'luru

A second Covid-19 patient passed away, despite being administered plasma therapy, at Bengaluru's Victoria Hospital on Monday. "The 58-year-old man was admitted with severe Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome. He was on high-flow nasal cannula and then on non-invasive ventilation. He received plasma on the 7th day of admission, was intubated but passed away the next day," said BMCRI Director Dr C R Jayanthi. P4

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TEST POSITIVE ON MONDAY

KARNATAKA COVID-19 BATTLE

88 Total Deaths

4,135 Total Recoveries so far

TOTAL CASES **7,213**

FROM ACROSS THE STATE

- Karnataka reports two more deaths during the day
- Health Minister says cases to multiply by July-August
- Once a hotspot, Chikkaballapur currently has just two active cases undergoing treatment

Shah push for political unity to combat Covid

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

CONTINUING his exercise to fix the healthcare problem in the National Capital, Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Monday urged all political parties to bury the hatchet and join hands to fight the coronavirus. Addressing an all-party meeting, he urged leaders to ensure that decisions taken by the Centre are implemented properly on the ground.

The meeting came a day after Shah announced a slew of measures to ramp up testing facilities and enhance the bed capacity for Covid-19 patients in Delhi. He briefed the parties about the decisions taken by the government after he held two separate meetings with Delhi Lt Governor Anil Baijal, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan and the mayors and commissioners of Delhi's three municipal corporations to strengthen the strategy to fight the virus on Sunday.

Shah also paid a surprise visit to the Lok Nayak Jay Prakash Narayan (LNJP) Hospital here to inspect how it was dealing with Covid-19 cases. He directed the Delhi Chief Secretary to install CCTV cameras in corona wards of all designated hospitals for proper monitoring.

Later in the day, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal emphasised that there will be no extension of lockdown. "Many people are speculating whether another lockdown in Delhi is being planned. There are no such plans," he reiterated in a tweet.

Delhi reported 2,224 new cases on Monday, taking its tally to 44,661. It has had 878 new recoveries and 56 deaths.

Stricter lockdown in Chennai, 3 other dists from June 19-30

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Chennai

TN Chief Minister Edappadi K Palaniswami on Monday announced an intensified lockdown in Chennai and parts of Tiruvallur, Kancheepuram and Chengalpattu from June 19 to 30 to contain the spread of Covid-19. This means that the gradual easing of curbs, which had been rolled out when Unlock 1.0 was announced on June 1, will cease to exist for these areas for 12 days. On June 21 and 28, both Sundays, there will be a complete lockdown with permission only for milk and essential services that include hospitals and pharmacies. Besides ambulances and mortuary vans, only private vehicles carrying medical requirements will be allowed to ply.

The decision was taken as per the recommendations of health experts and the cabinet.

All rice card holders, members of welfare boards of unorganised workers, and members of other welfare boards will be given ₹1,000 as relief assistance. Palaniswami said in a statement, "Intensified lockdown will be enforced strictly in containment zones. Local bodies will ensure supply of essential commodities to houses. These areas will be disinfected twice a day."

Ambulances would continue and the supply of essential commodities and emergency medical assistance will be coordinated by special control rooms.

The CM reiterated that recovery rate in TN is high and fatality rate is at the lowest.

With the Tamil Nadu Government announcing an intensified lockdown on Monday, Chennaiites stock up on essential commodities | R SATISH BABU

MLA booked for violating norms at son's wedding

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Ballari

A case was registered against Congress MLA and former minister P T Parmeshwar Naik for conducting his son's wedding in a grand manner, violating Covid norms, on Monday. While the government order restricts the number of guests at a wedding at 50, there were over 1,000 people at this marriage.

Naik's younger son Avinash got married at Laxmipur Tanda in Harapanahalli taluk and the ceremony was attended by some of the top political leaders, including Health Minister B Sriramulu, former CM Siddaramaiah and former deputy chief minister G Parameshwara. There was criticism as Sriramulu, who is at the forefront of state's fight against Covid, was seen without a mask and not following social distancing norms.

A large number of police officials, who were part of the security for these leaders, too were at the wedding, but no action was taken till the event got over. Only later did the Ballari district administration serve a notice and instructed the Harapanahalli tahsildar to book a case. DC S S Nakul said he ordered the tahsildar to register an FIR against Parmeshwar Naik and his elder son Bharat Naik at Arasikere police station. "Whoever it may be, it is a clear violation of Covid-19 emergency law," he said.

A senior police officer confirmed the case has been filed.

State Health Minister B Sriramulu seen without a mask at the wedding

Council polls: BJP sends 12 names to high command

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

THE BJP core committee, which met on Monday to shortlist candidates for the Legislative Council polls, is said to have sent a list of a dozen names to the central leadership. Sources said CM BS Yediyurappa sought to field former ministers H Vishwanath, R Shankar and MTB Nagaraj, who quit other parties to join BJP, apart from Sunil Vallyapure. Others include Mahila Morcha state president Bharati Shetty, ex-legislators Sogadu Shivanna, Malikayya Guttedar, BJP state general secretaries Mahesh Tenginakai, Nirmal Kumar Surana, ex-MLC N Shankarappa and Dakshina Kannada's Pratap Simha Nayak. P3

EXPRESS READ

Wholesale prices plunge to 4.5-year low

New Delhi: Prices in the wholesale market fell to a 4.5-year low in May, recording a deflation of 3.21 per cent due to sharp decline in fuel and power items, even as food articles turned expensive. The Wholesale Price Index (WPI) has hit its lowest level since November 2015, when deflation was 3.7 per cent. However, inflation in food articles in May stood at 1.13 per cent, as against 2.55 per cent in April.

HUNT ON FOR OLX BUYER OF SHIP MICROPROCESSOR

TOBY ANTONY @Kochi

OF the 20 computer components stolen from an under-construction Indigenous Aircraft Carrier at the Cochin Shipyard last year, the suspects managed to sell only one — a microprocessor. They traded it on the OLX platform and it is yet to be recovered. All other components have been seized from the two suspects, Sumit Kumar Singh of Bihar and Daya Ram of Rajasthan. They have been remanded in seven-day NIA custody. The NIA alleged that the suspects sold the microprocessor to a person in Kerala for ₹5,000, while staying in Kochi. "One hard disk and a RAM were recovered from Singh's residence in Bihar. Other goods, including three hard disks, five microprocessors and nine RAMs, were recovered from the house of his brother in Surat, Gujarat," said a source.

Pak frees Indian mission staffers after high drama

PUSHKAR BANAKAR @ New Delhi

PAKISTAN on Monday released two Indian High Commission staffers from detention, hours after India summoned their charge d'affaires in New Delhi and lodged a strong protest.

Earlier in the day, the two staffers posted in Islamabad were reported missing after leaving the mission's premises. The two drivers were from the Central Industrial Security Force and were on deputation. According to sources, the duo left the High Commission premises in the morning to pick up an embassy official, but did not reach their destination.

Sources pointed fingers at Pakistan's intelligence agency, the ISI. Local media quoted Pakistani officials as saying that the duo was arrested for their alleged involvement in a hit-and-run case, which left a person injured in Islamabad.

Earlier in the day, Pakistan's Charge d'affaires in New Delhi Syed Haider Shah was summoned by the Ministry of External Affairs and told that the two officials must be released immediately without interrogation or harassment. Their safety and security, it was underlined, was Islamabad's responsibility.

The two Indian officials went missing close on the heels of a video that surfaced showing Indian Charge d'affaires Gaurav Ahluwalia being chased by security personnel on bikes.

An expert panel will submit its report in ten days | FILE PHOTO

No more online classes till Std 5, period, says govt

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

THE State Government on Monday issued an order banning online classes for students from LKG to Class 5 with immediate effect. It also constituted an expert committee to formulate guidelines for online sessions for Classes 6 to 10.

The government had taken a decision last week to ban online classes up to Class 5. But in the absence of a Government Order, many schools had continued with online classes. Monday's order gives clear instructions to schools to stop online classes for these students and also directs them not to collect fees for these classes.

The expert committee, headed by education expert Dr M K Sridhar, will also draw up guidelines for conducting technology-based teaching — excluding online classes — for LKG to Class 5 students. It has to submit the report in 1tendays.

MINISTER'S HOPE

Resuming of spinning mills can close 'yarning gap'

K SHIVA KUMAR @Mysuru

SERICULTURE farmers want to come out of the cocoon they have been forced into due to the long lockdown. It is not just these farmers, even silk reelers are reeling under the impact of the pandemic. Reelers who produce silk yarn say the drastic fall in price has taken the sheen off the silk. But both the farmers and reelers are hoping for better days.

Now they don't have to look far for some good news. Sericulture Minister Narayana Gowda held out the hope on Monday that the sericulture farmers' issues would be addressed once the spinning mills in Banaras, Chennai and Hyderabad that produce silk saris start production.

He said that many spinning mills were closed due to shortage of staff and also due to the lockdown in the last couple of months. However, the situation will improve once the production starts and reelers supply raw materials to the handlooms, he said.

Several farmers have also stopped rearing silkworms due to drop in prices. P5

The prolonged lockdown has brought silk production units to a standstill | FILE PHOTO

I have stopped rearing silkworms as the prices have crashed from Rs 600 to Rs 200 a kg

Raghupathy Gowda, Farmer involved in sericulture

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• **Tuesday** 16/06/2020 • **Year:** Sarvari • **Ayana :** Uttharayana • **Ritu:** Greeshma • **Masa:** Jyeshta • **Paksha:** Krishna • **Tithi:** Ekadashi (Whole day) • **Nakshatra:** Ashwini 5.42 am • Moon in Vrishabha Rashi • **Rahukaala:** 03:00 am to 04:30 am • **Gulikakala:** 12:00 pm to 01:30 pm • **Yamaganda:** 09:00 am to 10:30 am

WEATHER WATCH

MIN 22°C | MAX 29°C

FORECAST Broken clouds

Sunrise	5.53 am
Sunset	6.46 pm
Moonrise	2.11 am
Moonset	2.42 pm

LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION! GREEN SIGNAL FOR SHOOTS NOW

A SHARADHAA @Bengaluru

THE state government on Monday gave permission to shoot movies, but with strict guidelines to be followed to prevent spread of Covid-19 infection.

Confirming this, Jairaj D R, President, Karnataka Film Chamber of Commerce said earlier a memorandum was submitted by Film Chamber to the government, requesting permission to shoot. Accordingly, the Information Department along with Health Department came up with certain guidelines, which were further clarified with KFCC members before orders were released on Monday.

The production houses have to strictly adhere to a six-page list of 18 guidelines laid down by the government.

To begin, shooting is permitted only for those films which are currently in the last leg of shooting, with only 50 people allowed on the sets, Jairaj said. This could be further relaxed with the regular shooting process.

Other guidelines include maintaining health records of crew members. And in case of emergency like any one testing positive, the production house should take the responsibility of admitting them to a designated Covid hospital.

This apart, thermal screening, check on mild cough and fever, sanitisation of the sets, social distancing, avoiding handshakes, wearing masks, maintenance of makeup room and restrooms are included in the guidelines.

"Producers will be responsible for obtaining self-declaration forms. Child artistes till 10 years and senior actors are allowed to shoot after seeking medical clearance. Appropriate Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) kits should be worn by the make-up artist, and every tool should be disinfected after use, besides encouraging the artistes to bring in their own makeup kits," Jairaj said.

KGF Chapter 2 (left) and Yuvarathnaa have a few days of shoot remaining

"This will be passed on to all the departments of the film industry on Tuesday and we have been strictly asked to follow the health protocol."

"Government is also considering reopening theatres, and they will soon take a call," he said. Earlier, oral permission had been granted to allow TV soaps and post-production works of various movies, but now it has been permitted other fraternities as well, with the government passing orders on Monday.

Coaching terminal deadline pushed again to Oct-end

Construction at Baiyappanahalli likely be delayed as many migrant workers have left

S LALITHA @Bengaluru

Baiyappanahalli railway station

THE much-awaited Third Coaching Terminal at Baiyappanahalli is likely to be completed only by end of October provided migrant workers involved in the project return to the city shortly. It may take much longer if that does not happen. This terminal is crucial to run new long distance trains as well as take the traffic off the existing railway stations which are saturated.

The fresh deadline has been proposed by the South Western Railway (SWR) to Minister of State for Railways Suresh C Angadi during a review meet a couple of days ago.

A senior official told *TNIE*, "Though only the finishing works are pending, this also involves enormous work due to the size of the terminal. We were at a very good pace in March before the lockdown necessitated due to the coronavirus. From 734 workers carrying out work there 24x7, it has come down to 95 people now."

The easing of the lockdown is good for the project, he said. "Let us see if workers opt to return home on account of relaxation in restrictions. However, what we understand from our numerous contractors is that many do not want to come to Bengaluru and end up spending time in home quarantine. No one can report for duty immediately. They want to wait till that condition gets removed."

The new deadline SWR is looking at is October-end. "Even that is a very optimistic deadline from our side and is dependent on the return of the migrant workforce to the project," the official said.

Funds were sanctioned during the Railway budget 2015-2016 and the deadline was May 2019. Due to delays, it was split into two with one Phase to be readied in October 2019 and another in March 2020. A design flaw was noticed in Phase-I and a decision to merge the two Phases and complete them fully before the second phase deadline of March 2020 was taken. Its cost too was revised to ₹192.3 crore. The deadline was again later pushed to May this year. "The actual work commenced only two years ago and bearing that in mind, we have made tremendous progress," the official added.

With SSLC exams set to begin, students celebrate after receiving their hall tickets in Bengaluru on Friday | PANDARINATH B

PU students ready for last paper

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

AS many as 5.95 lakh students will be appearing for the lone pending II PU English examination on June 18, a communiqué from the department of Pre-University Education (PUE) stated on Monday.

A total of 1,016 examination centres have been set up across the State. The department stated that additional blocks will be setup as exam centres if the need arises.

All centres have been sanitised thoroughly, the department stated. As many as 18,524 students residing in hostels, and children of migrant labourers have been allowed to change exam centres for their convenience. Also, 1,889 students from neighbouring states have been permitted to write their exam in a border district of Karnataka. Such students can download the additional exam hall ticket from the department's website www.puc.kar.nic.in and produce a hard copy of the same at the exam centre.

Students have been asked to reach their exam centre early, In case a student appears to have any symptoms of uneasiness, he/she will be accommodated in a separate exam hall. In case a student is unable to attend the exam, he/she can appear for the supplementary exam, in which case the student will be treated as a regular candidate.

The government also directed the transport department to provide free transport for students, provided they show their hall ticket.

Helpline for II PU students set up

Shivamogga: Department of Pre University and Vocational education has established a helpline for PUC IInd year students to resolve issues related to the pending English examination scheduled to be held on June 18. A press release issued by Deputy director of PU and Vocational Education said that students can call 08182-276904/ 9449363892/ 9035034671 for enquiries.

SURVEY FINDINGS

2K domestic workers weren't paid in April

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

A survey conducted in Bengaluru showed that 91% of the 2,396 domestic workers spoken to, lost their salaries in April. It was conducted for in the first two weeks of May by Domestic Workers Rights Union, Bruhat Bangalore Gruhakarmika Sangha (BBGS) and Manegelasa Kaarmikara Union. Most of them worked in apartments of employees from software and multinational companies.

A report titled, "The COVID-19 pandemic and the invisible workers of the household economy", submitted to the Labour department on Monday said, "2,180, or 91% of workers lost their salaries in April. This is despite the guidelines from the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) for employers to pay full wages to their employees. They were told that as the employers themselves are not working and getting less money, they don't see the need to pay them."

The report estimates that there are around 4 lakh domestic workers in Bengaluru, of which majority are women.

"As many as 2,084 or about 87% of the workers were told not to come for work since the lockdown in March and were not sure if and when they would be called to work again. 341 workers in the areas surveyed by BBGS and 150 workers in the areas surveyed by Manegelasa Kaarmikara Union lost their jobs entirely during the lockdown. 50% of all workers above the age of 50 lost their jobs during the lockdown," the report added.

In March, some of the employers paid them only for the number of days worked.

"Domestic workers faced discrimination by RWAs such as being told not to use the lift, stairs or common area for fear of spreading the coronavirus. Many were paid lesser during the lockdown as they could not report to work. The government is not recognising them as unorganised labourers and has not released any compensation for them as done for cab, auto drivers and others who received ₹5,000," said Radha, activist, Domestic Workers Rights Union. "There was a Covid case from Ragigudda slum and other women from the slum were told not to come to work," Radha added.

EXPRESS READ

Laurels for Ramaiah tech

The MS Ramaiah Institute of Technology, Bengaluru, has ranked 59th among the top 100 engineering institutions across the country in 2020 by the National Institutional Framework of the Ministry of Human Resource Development. It has also been ranked the best of all the institutions affiliated to Visvesvaraya Technological University, Belagavi. In the Scimago Institutions rankings for 2020, MSRIT has been ranked 65 in higher education in India and 578 in the world. **ENS**

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

16th June : The universe is a weird place. Yesterday I was reading some of the latest research which argues that there are up to twenty dimensions, perhaps many more. This particular article was claiming that there are also fractions of a dimension, like half a dimension, or a quarter. It all makes astrology look positively normal!

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)

Sometimes it's necessary to get on with the art of daily survival as honestly as possible. Today that means dealing with money, looking after resources and asking close partners exactly what they think. You'll do much better if you've got the majority on your side.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)

You should still be able to make the running. The only doubts in your mind may concern your financial circumstances, and whether you can actually afford to pay for all that you would like. If you reassure yourself on this score then everything else should fall into place.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

You may still be making plans which are better kept to yourself, at least until they're clear in your own mind. By tomorrow you will be ready to be more open, and to lay down the law. Of course, there's no guarantee that other people will listen. So, what's new?

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

You have now experienced one moderately testing phase. You're about to pass through another, but it will be fairly mild and concerned only with your need to sort out your dreams - which are to be put into practice and which left on the shelf? Plus, of course you're now a little older - and much wiser.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)

Venus, planet of love, is about to step up its role. The broader significance of potentially fruitful meetings and news is that you're approaching a period during which you must finally settle with all outstanding partnership issues. Hopefully the people you meet now will make you happy.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)

Your change in mood should take you from a position which is relatively laid-back to one which is rather more ambitious. According to your natural cycle your energy level could actually increase as the hours pass. But, then, you might feel your vitality drop if you do too much too early.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)

It seems as if you are about to be called upon to make a decision which could symbolise a complete change of direction in your most intimate affairs. Everything is now bound up with the next set of lunar patterns, so don't expect perfect clarity today.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)

You must consider the material or financial advantages to be gained from putting your plans into practice. If you have any reason to doubt others' responses and reactions, keep your ideas to yourself for a few more days. Also, give a loved one time to digest recent news.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)

If partners have been keeping out of your way or avoiding your gaze, everything is likely to change this evening when you realise just what your relationships mean to you. Use the day constructively to settle as many routine affairs as you possibly can.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)

You have been misinformed or misled in the past, but there may be nothing that you can do about it now. Probably the only way to turn the tables on other people is to out-do them at work. But you might well decide that you really can't be bothered. That's OK too!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)

Others' attitudes and behaviour are their business, and you should let them go their own sweet way rather than trying to control them. It is increasingly clear that you should lead by setting an example, not by preaching! Eventually other people should get the message!

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)

Put your thinking cap on today, and be sure to explain yourself to other people in a sound, sensible and unsentimental manner. By this evening you may once again be wondering what to do about a dilemma at home. And tomorrow you might work out how to solve it!

THE PHANTOM

HI AND LOIS

BEETLE BAILEY

BLONDIE

IF WE ALL WORKED FROM HOME, WE WOULDN'T NEED A CARPOOL
IF THAT EVER HAPPENS, WE CAN ALL JUST GO OUT FOR A SUNDAY DRIVE EVERY WEEK

LOCKHORNS

"LEROY BURNS THE CANDLE AT BOTH ENDS . . . THAT'S WHY HE'S ALWAYS WELL-LIT."

DENNIS THE MENACE

"WHAT'S OUR ESCAPE PLAN?"

Test your number crunching skill with our unique puzzle

SUDOKU

1			7	8	2	3		
		2					1	7
					9		6	
	5	8				4		1
9			6		3			8
7		3				5	9	
	8		5					
4	9					6		
		6	3	9	4			5

EASY

- Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.
- Each sudoku has a unique solution that can be reached logically without guessing.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

8	2	6	7	9	3	1	5	4
3	7	1	6	4	5	2	9	8
5	4	9	8	1	2	6	3	7
2	1	3	5	7	8	4	6	9
9	6	8	2	3	4	7	1	5
7	5	4	1	6	9	3	8	2
6	8	7	4	5	1	9	2	3
4	3	5	9	2	6	8	7	1
1	9	2	3	8	7	5	4	6

JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

GITDI

PAATD

MSILDA

FMULFE

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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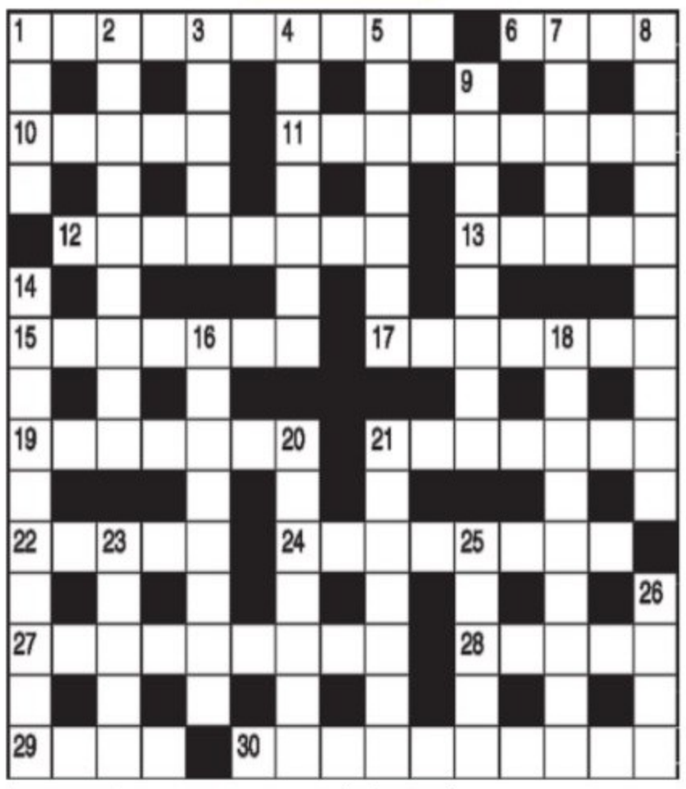
(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: LOBBY KNOWN CANCEL KOSHER
Answer: Being near the expensive door handles meant the low-cost ones were able to -- "HOB-KNOB"

CROSS WORD



ACROSS

1 One whose build-up depends on dripping (10)
6 A pair of braces (4)
10 Avoided losing Dave's change (5)
11 Appearing on the scene and defying gravity? (7,2)
12 A few upset the owner too (3,2,3)
13 A pretender who gets things done (5)
15 The cul-de-sac all mortals reach (4,3)
17 Woman perhaps who displays her bloomers (7)
19 Putting a price on fish shows intuitive appreciation (7)
21 He can well perform some art composition (7)
22 Still out to get rhythms (5)
24 It turns its back in a curve in an aesthetic way (8)
27 They are normally unsuitable for inhabitants (9)
28 State from which I had returned on the second of the month (5)
29 The fools pass out (4)
30 Men's assets as a basis for taxation (10)

DOWN

1 Band giving some of Sousa's hits (4)
2 Profit that shouldn't be taken unfairly (9)
3 I listen to hi-fi in Latin (5)
4 Tired me out, just (7)
5 Reprimand and allocate new duties (4,3)
7 Should be anything or nothing (5)
8 Compensation required for port area in ruins (10)
9 Garment one may have to fasten in front (8)
14 Not even peers are so friendly (10)
16 Oriental girl on a charge that is thrown out (8)
18 Nice trait but somehow puzzling (9)
20 It's difficult to see if they're broken (7)
21 Miss tea when involved in painting (7)
23 Drunk started smoking (3,2)
25 Falls into errors (5)
26 Left New York perhaps (4)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Look out, 5 Tidal, 8 Cathedral, 9 Set, 10 Echo, 12 Foursome, 14 Bitter, 15 Strops, 17 Twenties, 18 Trip, 21 Eat, 22 Wolverine, 24 Noted, 25 Doubles.

Down: 1 Lucre, 2 Out, 3 Oyez, 4 Turn on, 5 Tolerate, 6 Dishonour, 7 Letters, 11 Hottentot, 13 Bestowed, 14 Bittern, 16 Sealed, 19 Pleas, 20 Peru, 23 Ill.

Despite the state government lifting lockdown restrictions for places of worship, the Jalahalli Ayyappa Temple has decided to shut down from Wednesday till further orders, said temple authorities

Sealed with a ritual — SMK-DKS alliance

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

FORMER Chief Minister S M Krishna and wife Prema Krishna performed the Kumkum Shastra for their grandson Amartya Siddhartha, and Aishwarya, daughter of KPCC president D K Shivakumar, at a simple ceremony at their residence on Sunday.

The families wanted to keep it low key considering that it is not yet one year since the death of Amartya's father and Cafe Coffee Day's V G Siddhartha on July 29. The engagement will be performed sometime after this date.

The young couple, who have known each other since childhood, exchanged garlands as family members cheered.

D K Shivakumar takes part in the Kumkum Shastra of his daughter | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

Kumkum Shastra is a pre- engagement ritual where the groom's parents apply kumkum on the couple. Krishna and his wife and Amartya's mother Malavika applied kumkum as per the Vokkaliga custom.

Limiting the number to just the two families, all followed strict social distancing norms. The ceremony was followed by a lunch.

Siddhartha had served on the board of directors of Mindtree, GTV, Liqwid Krystal, Way-2wealth and was Chairman and Managing Director of Cafe Coffee Day. Krishna who is now in the BJP, served as Chief Minister and External Affairs Minister in the Congress.

Krishna was in many ways the one who mentored Shivakumar and the latter has on many occasions expressed his deep gratitude to him. Shivakumar has served as minister in Karnataka under many chief ministers.

Parties scramble to decide nominees for elections to the Legislative Council, to be held on June 29, with Friday being the last date to file nomination papers

Once bitten, twice shy: State BJP cautiously prepares list

ANUSHA RAVI @Bengaluru

THE BJP state unit seems to be still reeling from shock delivered by the central leadership in the selection of Rajya Sabha candidates.

In a core committee meeting convened on Monday to shortlist candidates for the Legislative Council polls, members are said to have asked party state president Nalin Kumar Kateel and Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa to seek directions from the top brass on what formula should be applied while shortlisting candidates, least it ends up in an embarrassment yet again.

With five nominations and enough numbers to elect four members to the upper house, the BJP stands to comfortably make nine of its members MLCs. After much deliberation, the core committee is said to have prepared a very cautious list of about a dozen names from the huge list of aspirants of 123 names.

Keen on keeping up his promise, Yediyurappa is said to have sought to field H Vishwanath, R Shankar and M T B Nagaraj, who quit their respective parties and joined the BJP.

Yediyurappa is also said to have pushed for Sunil Vallyapure's candidate as his reward for stepping back to allow Kalaburagi MP Umesh Jadhav's son Dr Arvind Umesh Jadhav's contest in Chincholi assembly constituency. "Yediyurappa has asked for all four of his candidates to be allowed to contest polls and use five nomination seats to accommodate party workers," said a BJP source.

Despite the stonewalling, all four of Yediyurappa's candidates are said to have made it to the list sent to the central leadership. Others names include Mahila Morcha state president Bharati Shetty, former legislators Sogadu Shivanna, Mallikayya Guttedar, BJP state general secretaries Mahesh Tenginakai and Nirmal Kumar Surana, former MLC N Shankarappa and Dakshin Kannada unit officebearer Pratap Simha Nayak.

"The core committee has asked our leaders to talk to the high command, find out what their expectations are and then shortlist names instead of shortlisting names that may not get picked by the parliamentary board," said a senior leader and member of the BJP Karnataka Core Committee. The core committee is said to have haggled with Yediyurappa to accommodate party workers in at least two out of the four seats up for election.

"The core committee has decided to submit a list of shortlisted candidates, but the final decision will be taken by the BJP parliamentary board," said Arvind Linbavali, BJP MLA and general secretary, reiterating that the names sent by the core committee need not necessarily be in the final list of candidates.

MLC POLLS

Cong to stick to minority, backward class formula

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

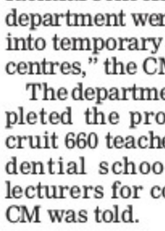
THE Congress Legislative Party is likely to meet on Tuesday morning to decide the names of candidates that the party will finally propose for the MLC elections.

The frontrunners for the nominations are Prof M V Rajeev Gowda, Rajya Sabha retiree who missed getting renominated to the Upper House; K Naseer Ahmed, MLC retiree; party spokesperson Nivedith Alva; educationist Mansur Ali Khan; party working president Saleem Ahmed; MLC retirees H M Revanna, N S Boseraj and Ivan D'Souza, former MLA M R Seetharam and Mohan Babu, who was ignored for the KR Puram assembly ticket.

Since all the retirees belong to either the minority or backward community, it is almost a given that one seat will go to the minorities and one to the backward community.

Interestingly, within the minorities, there is pressure that Christians should be considered as there is already a Muslim member — CM Ibrahim, while MLA Rizwan Arshad's term ends in 2022.

The Congress might send the names late in the night to the High Command. The party has 68 members and can elect two members.



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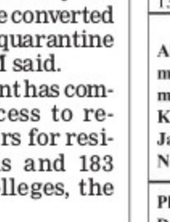

Rajeev Gowda

JDS leaders during the Legislative Party meeting in Bengaluru on Monday

FINAL CALL RESTS WITH JDS SUPREMO

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

FORMER Prime Minister and JDS supremo H D Deve Gowda will take a final call on the party candidate for the MLC polls.

"Devegowda will finalise the candidate name," confirmed senior JDS leader and former minister Bandeppa Kashampar after a JDS legislative party meeting in Bengaluru on Monday. The regional party, with 34 members in the assembly, can win one seat in the council elections. .

According to a senior JDS leader, there are many aspirants for the MLC seat. Kupendra Reddy, former Rajya Sabha member, senior JDS leader Konareddy, sitting JDS MLC T A Sharavana and JDS city unit president Prakash are among the few who are eying the council membership. A section of JDS members is said to have suggested former MLA Y S V Datta's name for the upper house elections. "There is a need to revive the party and Datta is the right person," said party sources. However, Datta said no one approached him.

The JDS supremo is said to be in favour of Kupendra Reddy. Sitting MLC T A Sharavana is also lobbying for it, while Kumaraswamy is said to be looking for a new face.

CM asks for survey on hostels

ENS @Bengaluru

CHIEF Minister B S Yediyurappa has directed the Social Welfare Department to conduct a survey to gauge the demand for student hostels across the state.

During a review meeting with department officials on Monday, the CM said schools will reopen as per the Education Department timetable. "When they reopen, it is important to take care of students in hostels and schools which have now been turned into quarantine centres. Complete sanitation has to be done. Over 42,000 hostels and residential schools run by the department were converted into temporary quarantine centres," the CM said.

The department has completed the process to recruit 660 teachers for residential schools and 183 lecturers for colleges, the CM was told.

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Commissioner,
Narasimharaja Square, Bengaluru -560002

Attention to Migrant workers

This is to inform you that, if any of you wish to travel to your home state, there are transit camp arranged at Tripura Vasini, Palace Ground, Bellary Road, Bengaluru for travelling to all states. Free train services are being arranged for such persons. You may also note that in emergency situations, you may need to stay in this center for a few days. In such circumstances, your stay and meals will be arranged free of charge. It is our endeavour to help you.

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POSSESSION NOTICE
Under Rule - 8 (1) (For immovable property)

WHEREAS, the undersigned being the authorized officer of the **State Bank of India** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of security Interest Act,2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 (No.3 of 2002) issued Demand Notices calling upon the following borrowers/guarantors to repay the amount mentioned against their names with further interest/cost etc within 60 days from the date of the receipt of the said notice.
The below mentioned borrowers/guarantors having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers/guarantors and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on below mentioned dates
The borrowers/guarantors and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of the **State Bank of India,** for amounts mentioned below with further interest accrued thereon and cost.
The borrowers attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

1. **Name of the borrower/Guarantor : Smt. T. R. Kavitha** W/o. Shri. D. Narayanaswamy & **Shri. Chetan Nayaka N**. S/o. Narayana Swamy D., & Shri. D. Narayanaswamy S/o. Sri. V. Thirumalaiah (Dasanayaka), "Sri. Sapthagiri Nilaya", "Nanda Gokula", No. 127, 1st Cross, 1st Main, Patel Muniyappa Layout, Vishwanatha Nagenahalli, RT Nagar Post, Bangalore - 560 032.
Demand Notice date:23-11-2019/ 12-03-2020 **A/c. No.:HBL-37298934232/40655/27**
Outstanding at the time of issue of notice:Rs.1,84,596/- + Rs.20,56,210/- = Rs. 22,40,806/- (Rupees twenty two lakhs forty thousand eight hundred six only) as on 23-11-2019/11-03-2020 and with interest at contractual rate and expenses thereon
Possession Taken date : 10.06.2020
Outstanding Loan amount: Rs. 1,57,773/-+ Rs.20,42,791/-= Rs. 22,00,564/- (Rupees twenty two lakhs five hundred sixty four only) as on 03-06-2020 and interest + expenses, cost, charges, etc. thereon.
DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY: All that piece and parcel of Extension of Equitable Mortgage of property bearing Site No. 08 situated at Thinduli Grama, V.P. Khata No. 71/11, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk measuring East to West: 24 ft., North to South : 40 ft., Consisting of G+FF, RCC Roofed Building, standing in the name of Smt. T.R. Kavitha W/o. Sri. Narayana Swamy D. **Bounded by:** East: 12 ft. Road, West : Property No. 54 Shri. Shivaji, North: Remaining Property, South : Smt. Lakshmamma's Property.

2. **Name of the borrower : Smt. K. Sunitha,** W/o Late Sri R. Suryanarayana Rao & Sri. S. Karthik S/o Late Sri R. Suryanarayana Rao, # 731, 'Hrushikesh Nilaya',8th Main, 3rd Phase, J. P. Nagar, BENGALURU – 560 078
Demand Notice date: 24.12.2019 **A/c. No.:HBL-54000252128/40622/18**
Outstanding at the time of issue of notice: **Rs.12,47,760.20**(Rupeese Twelve lakhs forty seven thousand seven hundred sixty and paise twenty only) as on date and interest, + expenses, cost, charges, etc. thereon.
Possession Taken date :10.06.2020
Outstanding Loan amount: Rs.18,57,427/- (Rupeeseighteen lakhs fifty seven thousand four hundred twenty seven only) as on date and interest +, expenses, cost, charges, etc. thereon.
DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of Residential House property bearing No. 731, "Hrushikesh Nilaya" situated in 8th Main, III Phase, J P Nagar, Bengaluru – 560 078 measuring East to West: 87.6 Feet, North to South 55.6 Feet, standing in the name of Sri. R. Suryanarayana Rao (Deceased). **Bounded By:** East :Site No. 704 , West : Road, North : Site No. 132 ,South : Site No. 730.

3. **Name of the borrower : Sri P. Ramu & Sri. Deepak R.** (address for both) House No. 27, Kothanur Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru – 560 061.
Demand Notice date: 10.02.2020 A/c. No.:HBL-64129167572, 64129167684, 54000252945/40622/136/36
Outstanding at the time of issue of notice: **Rs.12,86,665/-** (Rupees twelve lakhs eighty six thousand six hundred sixty five only) as on 10-02-2020 with interest at contractual rate and expenses thereon
Possession Taken date :15.06.2020
Outstanding Loan amount: Rs.12,67,724/- (Rupees twelve lakhs sixty seven thousand seven hundred twenty four only) as on 03-06-2020 and interest, + expenses, cost, charges, etc. thereon.
DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of Residential Property bearing House No. 27, Khatha No. 815, situated at Kothanur Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, measuring East to West: 60ft and North to South: 40 ft totally measuring 2400 sq.ft. with RCC roof house, standing in the joint names of Sri. P. Ramu S/o. Sri. Puttappa and Sri. Deepak R. S/o. Sri. P. Ramu. **Bounded by:**East: Property No. 28, West: Road,North: Property No. 25 & 26,South: Property No. 30.

4. **Name of the borrower : Shri. C. P. Rajesh** S/o. Sri Pandurangaiah & **Smt.B.Gayathri Devi** W/o. Shri. C. P. Rajesh, No. 100/A, 4th Cross, 1st Stage, 50 ft Road, Kumaraswamy Layout, Bangalore – 560 078
Demand Notice date: 12.03.2020
A/c. No.:HBL-64116427980/40215/33
Outstanding at the time of issue of notice: **Rs.39,31,110/-** (Rupees thirty nine lakhs thirty one thousand one hundred ten only) as on 11-03-2020 & with interest at contractual rate & expenses thereon
Possession Taken date : 12.06.2020
Outstanding Loan amount: Rs.39,78,006/- (Rupeesthirty nine lakhs seventy eight thousand six only) as on 03-06-2020 and interest, + expenses, cost, charges, etc. thereon.
DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY :All that piece and parcel of Residential Property bearing BDA Site No. 53 (Northern Portion) BBMP Khata No. 53 situated at Samruddi Layout, formed by BDA in Land bearing Sy.No. 9, 11, 12, 13 of Vasanthapura& Sy. No. 14 of Bikasipura Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk presently within BBMP Ward No. 182, Bangalore, measuring East to West: 40 ft; North to South 20 ft totally measuring 800 sq.ft. standing in the name of Shri. C. P. Rajesh S/o. Sri. Pandurangaiah and Smt. Gayathri Devi W/o. Shri. C. P. Rajesh,**Bounded by:** East: Road, West: Site No. 25, North :Site No. 52, South: Remaining portion of Sy.No. 53.

5. **Name of the borrower : Smt H.G. Malathi,** W/o Sri Lingaraj, # 6, MathrusriNilaya',Gowdara Colony,Hennur, Kalyananagar,BENGALURU – 560 043
Demand Notice date: 24.12.2019 **A/c. No.:HBL-64074521726/3182/611**
Newspaper publication in The New Indian Express & Samyukta Karnataka on 28-02-2020
Outstanding at the time of issue of notice: **Rs.3,53,386/-** (Rupees Three lakhs fifty three thousand three hundred and eighty six only) as on 23.12.2019and with interest at contractual rate and expenses thereon
Possession Taken date : 10.06.2020
Outstanding Loan amount: Rs. 3,79,977/- (Rupeesthree lakh seventy nine thousand nine hundred seventy sevenonly) as on 03-06-2020 and interest, + expenses, cost, charges, etc. thereon.
DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of Residential Site bearing No. 733, Sector "D", Category "MIG" developed by the Karnataka Housing Board under Suvarna Karnataka Scheme and 225 Scheme situated at Suryanagara Phase II comprising of lands acquired by the KHB in various Survey numbers of Lingapura Village, KasabaHobli, Anekal, Bangalore Urban District measuring East to West: 09 Meters and North to South 15.00 Meters in all measuring 135 Sq. Mts., **Bounded by:** East : Site No. 734 MIG, West : Site No. 732 MIG, North: Site No. 721 &722 MIG Society , South : Wide Road measuring 9.00 Meters.

6. **Name of the borrower :Sri. Srinidhi Krishnamurthy** S/o. Late M.S. Krishnamurthy, No. 130, 71st Cross, (Near Police Station), Kumaraswamy Layout, J.P. Nagar, Bengaluru – 560 078
Demand Notice date: 05.11.2019 **A/c. No.:HBL-38353354854/40252/535**
Outstanding at the time of issue of notice: **Rs.45,15,864/-**(Rupees forty five lakhs fifteen thousand eight hundred sixty four only) as on 05-11-2019 and with interest at contractual rate and expenses thereon
Possession Taken date :10.06.2020
Outstanding Loan amount: Rs.45,57,780/- (Rupeesforty five lakhs fifty seven thousand seven hundred eighty only) as on 03-06-2020 and interest, + expenses, cost, charges, etc. thereon.
DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of the Flat No. G-003, SVC, ORCHID (3 BHK), Ground Floor, having super built up area of 1522 sq.ft. and 341.50 sq.ft. undivided share along with one covered Car Parking Space in the Basement, property standing in the name of Sri. Srinidhi Krishnamurthy S/o. Late M. S. Krishnamurthy, property bearing BBMP Khatha No. 527/1/166/7, portion of converted land Sy no. 166/7 situated at Kodigehalli, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk. **Bounded by:** East: open to sky, West: open to sky, North: open to sky, South: Flat No. G-002 (2 BHK).

Place : Bengaluru
Date: 15.06.2020
Sd/- Authorised Officer, State Bank Of India, RACPC, Lalbagh Main Road, Bengaluru

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POSSESSION NOTICE
(For Immovable Property)

Whereas, the Authorised Officer of **KARNATAKA BANK LIMITED,** under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated **11.02.2020** calling upon the borrowers/mortgagors guarantors **(1) Mr.Prabhakar H J S/o Mr.Janardana Bhatt, Main Road, Sri Annapoorneshwari Constructions PO Kalasa, Kalasa, Chikmagalur-577124 (2) Mr. Janardhan H S/o Hanumaiah #24, 8th Cross, 9th Main, Coffee Board Layout, Kempapura, Hebbal, Bengaluru Urban -560024** to repay an amount mentioned in the notice being **₹21,11,238.00 [Rupees Twenty One Lakhs Eleven Thousand Two Hundred and Thirty Eight Only]** under **TL A/c No.0637001600589401** along with future interest from **15.01.2020** within **60** days from the date of receipt of the said notice.
The borrowers, the mortgagors and the guarantor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers, the mortgagors and the guarantor and the public in general **that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below** in exercise of the powers conferred on him under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 and 9 of the said Rules on the **11th day of June - 2020.**
The borrowers, the mortgagors and the guarantor in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property mentioned herein below and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **Karnataka Bank Ltd., Nehrunagar Branch, Bengaluru** for an amount of **₹21,71,623.00** under **TL A/c No.0637001600589401** along with future interest from **15.05.2020** plus costs.
[The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.]

Description of the Immovable Property

All that piece and parcel of residential property bearing site No.24 measuring 2400 sq. ft along with residential house constructed thereon measuring 2598 sq. ft situated at 8th cross, 9th Main, coffee Board layout, Kempapura village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore-560024 belonging to Janardhan H. Boundaries of Property: East by: Road, **West by:** Site No.53, **North by:** Site No.23, **South by:** Site No.25.

Place: Bengaluru
Date: 11.06.2020
Sd/-
Chief Manager & Authorised Officer
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[The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.]

Description of the Immovable Property

All that piece & parcel of Site measuring 600 Sq.ft having Residential building constructed thereon measuring 930 sq.ft consisting of GF, FF, SF situated at property bearing No.1715, 2nd Block, 8th Phase J P Nagar Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru 560062 belonging to Somashekhar N & Rekha H. **Boundaries of Property: East by:** Road, **West by:** Site No.1708, **North by:** Site No.1716, **South by:** Site No.1714. .

Place: Bengaluru
Date: 11.06.2020
Sd/-
Chief Manager & Authorised Officer
Karnataka Bank Ltd.,

TRACKING COVID-19

The number of containment zones in Bengaluru has shot up to 191. The new additions are Doddanekundi, Bilekahalli, Dharmarayaswamy Temple, Chalavadipalya, Lakkasandra, Azad Nagar, Gurappanapalya, Basavanagudi, Girinagar, VV Puram, KG Halli, Pattibiramanagar, Kaval Byrasandra, Sampangi Ramanagar, Srinagar, Jayanagar, Vidyaranyapura.

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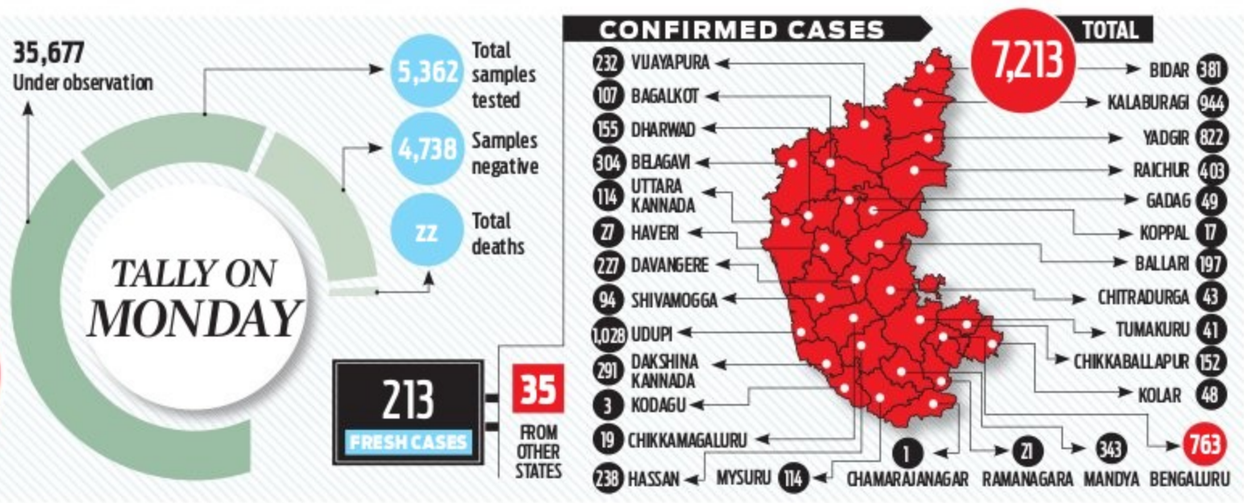

FIGHT SPREAD WITH HOUSE CHECKS: EXPERTS

Teams will have to check for additional symptoms to counter surge

CHETANA BELAGERE @Bengaluru

With cases on the rise in almost all urban areas, epidemiologists and medical experts suggest that the State government shift from index case-based contact tracing to house-to-house syndromic surveillance.

"It is a public health tool that will proactively survey communities for a group of symptoms, and not just Covid-defined symptoms like cold, cough, fever, breathlessness etc. The surveillance will look for added symptoms like loss of taste and smell, secondary symptoms like renal failure etc, and medically manage them like positive cases," explained Dr Gururaj G, Dean of neurosciences and senior professor in the department of epidemiology at NIMHANS.

This has to be done in addition to measures like physical distancing, contact tracing, testing and aggressive treatment.

Senior epidemiologists and health experts say this kind of surveillance is the need of the hour, especially with a surge in cases is urban areas.

"It is a natural progression of the pandemic, expected due to increased mobility and testing. At this stage, we must shift from focus on index case-based contact tracing to house-to-house syndromic surveillance twice a week. Strict contact tracing of positive cases and isolation of symptomatic cases will reduce transmission significantly," Dr Giridhara Babu, senior epidemiologist and public health expert, said.

He suggested that the government start syndromic surveillance in affected areas and green zones. "It's time to go beyond containment measures," he explained.

A senior BBMP health official said the number of cases with no contacts traced clearly points to community spread, and this survey will detect the threat faster than traditional surveillance systems.

However, this also means that a lot more people need to work on the ground, explains bioethics researcher Anant Bhan. "This will be a good move as Karnataka is already identifying SARI, ILI cases. Looking for added symptoms like loss of taste and smell and skin issues could stop the spread," he said.

Dr Giridhara Babu agreed, "Community participation is absolutely essential; it is time to involve NGOs and community-based organisations in strengthening surveillance, have community centres and hospitals."

"Syndromic surveillance might help determine the true size, spread and tempo of an outbreak," Bhan added.

TASK TEAMS TO UP VIGIL

Bengaluru: With increased movement and including interstate travel, in and around Bengaluru Urban, the State government has decided to form task teams to step up surveillance. A task force for Covid-19 management in Bengaluru Urban, covering all BBMP wards and talukas of Bengaluru Urban and Bengaluru Rural, is to be established. BBMP Commissioner BH Anil Kumar will head the task force, and chief executive officer of Zilla Panchayat and District Health Officers will report to the commissioner on Covid-19 management and implementation of Mother and Child Health programme. In all, 17 task teams will be formed to perform high-priority tasks and are to be responsible for effective, comprehensive and timely implementation of the tasks assigned. The BBMP commissioner will review the functioning of the teams every week. **ENS**

Zero-contact cases now put in ILI category

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

Police officers seal Hanuman Nagar in Bengaluru on Monday after the area was listed as a containment zone | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

THE number of Influenza Like Illness (ILI) cases in the state is on the rise. While some cases are genuine, in case of some others, as they have zero contacts, the health and BBMP officials are listing them as ILI cases.

This is not all, the departments have also changed the set testing protocol. Now instead of testing those in institutional quarantine on the 14th day, testing will be done on the 10th or 12th day. This will help them know the positive cases earlier, and also trace contacts faster.

A senior health official told *TNIE* that many cases were coming to light where a person in quarantine, having no contact with anyone, had tested positive. "Zero contacts is a matter of worry. They are being shown under ILI cases in the health bulletin as they cannot be listed as zero contacts. In such cases the challenge of the contact tracing team is only bigger as the person has no recollection of the contacts," the official said.

"We have pointed this to the government as it could be the onset of community spread. There are also cases where the primary contact of the new positive case is already under treatment. In such cases there is no way to know the source of contact and so they also fall in the zero contact category. These types of cases have increased after Unlock-1 has been announced and travel gates have been left unattended," the official said.

To address this issue, the health officials held a meeting with the BBMP, IISc and the Smart City team of Bengaluru to see what best methods can be adopted to trace the contacts of these unknown clusters and identify new source points.

BBMP Commissioner B H Anil Kumar admitted that there were zero contact cases, but still all methods were being adopted to trace primary and secondary contacts. These types of cases are only rising and unless people are forthcoming, the worry will only increase, he said.

COVID WATCH

OCTOGENARIAN MOVES COURT AGAINST MASK USE, NIGHT CURFEW

Bengaluru: The Karnataka High Court on Monday declined to entertain a PIL filed by an octogenarian, noting that it is for experts to decide whether masks have to be compulsorily worn and the imposition of night curfew to curb the spread of Covid-19. A division bench of Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice Nataraj Rangaswamy passed the order. The petition was filed by SR Krishna Murthy (84), a resident of BSK 3rd Stage, who stated that the use of masks is unscientific in the Indian context, and that putting restrictions on the movement of people is illegal. ENS

WITH JUST 2 +VES, CHIKKABALLAPUR ALL SET TO BECOME GREEN ZONE

Chikkaballapur: Chikkaballapur is all set to become a green zone, as there are only two Covid-positive patients in the district, who are expected to recover in the next few days. Deputy Commissioner R Latha said that the district administration will continue to follow government measures to curb the spread of the virus, while also constantly raising awareness on wearing masks and maintaining social distance. Appreciating those working on the frontlines, Latha said doctors, paramedic staff, the police, revenue officials and Asha workers worked round-the-clock to control spread of the disease. ENS

BBMP eyes Kanteerava as quarantine centre, but athletes are back

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WITH the State government expecting a huge surge in Covid-19 cases, Sree Kanteerava Stadium has emerged as the top priority facility on the list of institutional quarantine centres, despite reports that sporting activities have begun there.

BBMP Commissioner BH Anil Kumar said: "We have always considered having Kanteerava Stadium as an institutional quarantine centre. It is on our priority list. One of the hostels dedicated to sportspersons was earlier listed as a quarantine facility."

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He said that even if sporting activities start at Kanteerava Stadium, the facility can be acquired for institutional quarantine as and when the need arises. "If cases increase, we will have to use the stadium," he said.

Medical Education Minister Dr K Sudhakar had earlier stated that they were anticipating a surge in Covid-19 cases after August, and that the government was taking all measures to deal with the situation. The authorities were looking at converting large stadiums into institutional quarantine centres, following which a team of officials had visited Kanteerava Stadium last week.

However, Commissioner of Health & Family Welfare Pankaj Kumar Pandey said that so far, nothing was confirmed on making the stadium an institutional quarantine centre.

Meanwhile, a senior official from the Sports & Youth Services department said that many sportspersons had resumed their training at the stadium.

A source at the stadium said that although they have kept Standard Operating Procedures ready and set aside two hours in the mornings and evenings to resume training of athletes, very few actually turned up on Monday. "If the stadium is taken over by the government as a quarantine facility, no training will be held there," the source said.

Corporator's viral speech creates panic, mini lockdown

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A social media post by Basavanagudi Corporator Sathyanarayana warning people to beware and not venture out unless absolutely necessary, created fear and panic among residents, so much so that the area saw a mini lockdown of its own on Monday morning.

In the viral video, a copy of which is with The New Indian Express, the corporator is seen informing people that there are many cases in Thyagarajanagar, Srinagar and Hanumanthanagar, so people should be cautious. He asks people of Narasimharaj Colony and Thyagarajanagar to be extra careful, while urging the police to be vigilant in catching those violating norms. The message left people confused and panicking, with roads being cleared and commercial establishments closing down. "The cases are rising and so we should not be moving around. This is what the corporator has told us. He says there is a rapid rise in cases here," Mohan, a resident.

Talking about the incident, the corporator said, "All I have tried to do is ensure people are cautious and better informed. Cases are being reported from Thyagarajanagar, Srinagar, Hanumanthanagar, Katriguppe and Gandhi Bazaar. There are cases in Basavanagudi also. With the lockdown lifted, many people are seen standing in groups outside eateries and hotels. I am not creating panic, I am merely asking people to be careful."

PLASMA THERAPY FAILS FOR SECOND TIME

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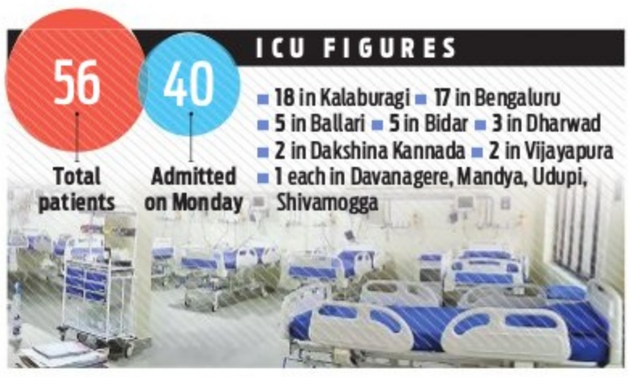

YET another case of a Covid-19 patient passing away despite being administered plasma therapy, was reported from Victoria Hospital.

"The 58-year-old male was admitted with severe Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome (ARDS), was on high-flow nasal cannula (HFNC) and then on non-invasive ventilation. He received plasma on the seventh day of admission, was intubated but passed away the day after plasma administration," said BMCRI director-cum-dean Dr CR Jayanthi.

This is the second such death of a corona patient who received plasma therapy. The first was a 60-year-old male who died on May 14; he also suffered from pneumonia, hypertension and diabetes.

Dr Vishal Rao, oncosurgeon and member of the Covid consultative group said, "The second patient also had uncontrolled diabetes and hypertension, and was critically ill. It is very difficult to save a patient with such comorbidities. Plasma therapy is not yet proven to be a Covid cure."

So far, five patients have been administered plasma therapy at Victoria Hospital, of whom two have passed away. One patient recovered and was discharged, and two patients are still under treatment. Of these, the first had severe ARDS, received plasma on the fourth day of admission, is on high-flow nasal oxygen and is showing improvement. The second one, too, suffered severe ARDS and was started on intermittent continuous positive airway pressure therapy and HFNC, received plasma on the third day of admission and is showing improvement.

On June 2, Karnataka Institute of Medical Sciences in Hubballi had said they successfully treated a 65-year-old with plasma therapy.

Superspreader infects 23

Among 213 new cases of coronavirus, 23 were contacts of one superspreader from Dharwad, a 59-year-old male who had earlier tested positive and spread the virus to three other people.

As the tally touched 7,213, two more deaths were reported, taking the toll to 88. In Dakshina Kannada, 22 UAE returnees tested positive, and 85 Maharashtra returnees tested positive across the state on Monday. Kalaburagi saw the highest number of 48 patients. Bengaluru Urban followed with 35 cases.

BACK TO BIZ

IISc tool can help firms check readiness, safe return to work spaces

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HOW IT WORKS
The organisation enters information about their workplace and their current level of operation
Readiness is calculated using 10 specific indices, each with a maximum score of 100
Overall readiness index is the sum of the individual readiness indices
Covid-19 WRI is accessible at https://covid.readiness.in/
The tool scores the organisation's readiness across various categories, provides a consolidated report
Indices include infrastructure, precautions, awareness and readiness, advertisement & outreach, employee mobility, employees' contacts, meetings, transportation, canteen/pantry, hygiene and sanitation

RESEARCHERS from the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) have developed an advisory tool for companies to know how ready they are to safely return to work places in an environment that minimizes — or even eliminates — Covid-19 spread.

Called the Covid-19 Workplace Readiness Indicator (Covid-19 WRI), this advisory tool can enable organisations to understand their current level of preparedness to return to workplaces. It will also help them plan and establish pandemic-specific policies and necessary management practices.

The tool is simple and easy to use. An organisation can enter relevant information about their workplace and their current level of operation. Readiness is calculated using ten specific indices, each with a maximum score of 100. These include infrastructure, precautions, awareness and readiness, advertisement & outreach, employee mobility, employees' contacts, meetings, transportation, canteen/pantry, hygiene and sanitation. The overall readiness index is the sum of the individual readiness indices. The tool then scores the organisation's readiness across various categories and provides a consolidated report.

"The tool not only scores an organisation's readiness, but also provides some targeted suggestions if specific weaknesses are identified," says Nihesh Rathod, a Cisco-IISc PhD scholar at the Department of Electrical Communication Engineering, IISc, who helped develop the tool.

The Covid-19 WRI takes into account broad epidemic factors and social objectives, and suggests a simple readiness threshold that organisations need to meet or exceed in order to operate effectively.

They can then decide for themselves their best mix (shifts, precautions taken, company advisories, etc.) to maximise their business objectives, the researchers said.

"Once enough organisations use the tool, each organisation can see where it stands among others of the same kind. Such a comparison may induce organisations to be proactive and take more positive steps towards mitigating the pandemic," says project lead Rajesh Sundaresan, Professor, Department of Electrical Communication Engineering, IISc.

The online self-assessment tool has been developed by IISc's new Centre for Networked Intelligence in collaboration with the Karnataka State Disaster Management Authority and with support from Cisco under its Corporate Social Responsibility.

"Organisations will need to take a holistic approach to restarting. Emerging from the lockdown, companies and workplaces will need to be more vigilant about health and increase their demands on safety," says Manoj Rajan, Commissioner, KSDMA.

Karnataka State Road Transport Corporations (KSRTC) has decided to resume operations to Andhra Pradesh in phased manner from June onwards. Passengers can book tickets online at www.ksrtc.in or at reservation counters

INDUSTRIES UNLOCK

Mangaluru property market perks up as NRIs take interest

VINCENT D'SOUZA @Mangaluru

DESPITE the lockdown and economic slowdown, the real estate sector is showing signs of revival in Mangaluru. Bookings and property registrations are yet to pick up, but builders and financial institutions are seeing a spurt in the number of enquiries for residential flats and home loans in the past few weeks, which stakeholders term as "encouraging", and hope the sector is on the path to recovery.

Builders and bankers attribute the rise in enquiries mainly to the return of a huge number of NRIs from the Gulf countries, Mumbai and other places, who are planning to buy flats and settle down in the coastal city. Reduction in home loan interest, extension of loan subsidy under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana for one more year, and the prospect of property value going up in the coming months due to rise in construction and labour costs, are also said to have prompted these enquiries.

Pushaparaj Jain, a builder, said a majority of enquiries are for affordable housing – apartments costing between ₹25 lakh to ₹50 lakh per unit. "Apart from NRIs and others who have returned to the city, there are people who want to invest in flats as interest rates on fixed deposits have gone down," he reasoned.

Many builders said this is the right time to buy property as prices are set to rise by the end of the calendar year. The cost of cement and steel has gone up and labour cost has shot up by 50-70%, after 75% of migrant labourers returned to their native states. All these burdens will be passed on to customers after a few months.

Kavita, sub-registrar, Mangaluru Rural, said that registration of flats may go up once the reduction in registration fee announced by the government is implemented. The fee has gone down by 3 per cent for properties valued below ₹25 lakh, and 2 per cent for properties costing less than ₹35 lakh.

REVIVAL STORY

'KSIC will soon decide on sales'

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"I have stopped rearing silkworms as the prices have crashed from ₹600 to ₹200 a kg," said Raghupathy Gowda, a sericulture farmer. He said many farmers have closed rearing centres. The government directions on the lockdown and many switching over to simple marriages has hit the sari sales. Ramesh, a farmer said, "Unless there is some improvement, I will not take up farming as I have lost ₹4 lakh during the lockdown."

At a meeting here, Narayana Gowda said that many farmers who produce cocoons also run silk reeling centres and supply the reels to textile units. They have suffered due to the stagnant market, he said.

Asked about the Karnataka Silk Industries Corporation, he said the production and business were badly hit and the corporation would soon decide on discount sale or other promotion sales by taking note of available stocks.

When told about how KSIC offered silk saris for only ₹4,500 during the Varamahalakshmi festival the previous year, the minister said the government is keen to revive the market and also see that the corporation also makes profits through its ventures.

Pandemic adds to class-based stigma

Several domestic helpers face taunts, are even being look upon as 'carriers' of Covid-19

NIRUPAMA VISWANATHAN @Chennai

IT's not just the virus that can mutate or get updated – even discrimination can. New forms take shape even when the entire world is facing a pandemic. It is ironic that the International Domestic Workers Day this year, observed today, falls amid the lockdown. For the virus has managed to add another layer of class-based stigma to our already fragmented society.

Several housemaids who have resumed work are now faced with unreasonable demands, taunts, and are even being look upon as "carriers" of the virus from shanties to apartments. Selvi, one such housemaid, is confused and perplexed. Her employers expect Selvi to bathe once before entering into their house for work. But, they will not provide their own bathrooms.

"I work at five homes, one after the other. As I go their homes after having worked elsewhere, they expect me to shower before entering, but I am not allowed to use their bathrooms. Where am I supposed to go bathe?"

Even in the era before the virus, bathrooms of employers were out of bounds for the maids. Those working in apartments are among the lucky few, they are allowed to use the common bathroom on the ground floor, reserved for watchmen and drivers provided they agree to it. If not, for half a day or more, these women have to resist the urge to relieve themselves.

Sushma (name changed) works for homes in Bharathi Nagar of Vyasarpadi. "The women in those houses unlock the doors and sprint to the other end of the room every morning, as if we come laden with the virus. It's funny and humiliating at the same time," says Sushma. "They have not asked me to stop coming, yet, but keep making snide remarks."

The worst, she says, is being told: "Please don't give us the virus, there are small children here." Earlier, some of them used to give her some coffee and tiffin at the end of work. That too has now stopped. "The fear is that I may contaminate the utensils."

Domestic helps residing in parts of the city where cases are high have been told not to come to work by their employers. They also are not paid for that period.

"Just because we are from the slums, they think we might automatically have the virus," says Pushpa of T Nagar. "My employers keep insisting that I wear a mask at all times. But none of them do the same." Pushpa says one of her employers wanted her to stop working in all other houses but theirs, because they had elderly people at home. However, they were not ready to compensate Pushpa for the lost income.

SOPs for K'taka dental clinics

Patients from containment zones can seek ambulance services

- Routine and elective dental procedures should be deferred for a later review.
- Ventilation and air quality should be maintained in the dental clinics
- Boards showing social distancing etiquettes to be displayed at clinics
- Cashless payments should be preferred at clinics

K'taka vets to help TN solve tiger poisoning cases

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

VETERINARIANS from Karnataka will be helping the Tamil Nadu forest department officials in handling tiger poisoning cases. The agreement is taking shape after the veterinarians used the paper-based strip method, a new technology to solve the tigers and wild boar poisoning cases in Annamalai and Mudumalai tiger reserves recently.

Veterinarians of the state are coming with the latest technological interventions in nabbing poachers. Using the technology, the veterinarians had found that high quantity of monocrotophos, a type of pesticide, was found in the stomach of the wild boar which the tigers in Annamalai had consumed.

"The new technology was approved by the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) and the Tamil Nadu forest department has now decided to work closely with us. While earlier it used to take three to four days to know the results and the type of chemicals used, in the new technology, it will be known in a matter of a few hours," said chief wildlife veterinarian and forensic expert Dr Prayag H S. Soon an MoU will be signed between NTCA and the Tamil Nadu forest department for using the technology.

"The testing and results become more important, after Karnataka reported three tiger deaths in Tamil Nadu last month, which led to the suspension of four forest officials. Last Sunday the Advanced Institute of Science in Tamil Nadu sought to know details of the toxological screening of the samples, the sources of procuring the kits and the literature to substantiate the finding, before the MoU is signed, Dr Prayag added.

Kerala CM Pinarayi Vijayan's daughter T Veena and DYFI national president P A Mohammed Riyas tie the knot at Thiruvananthapuram on Monday | EXPRESS

New beginning for Riyas, Veena

T'Puram: Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan's daughter Veena Vijayan and DYFI national president P A Mohammed Riyas got married at a simple function on Monday morning. The venue was Cliff House, the official residence of the chief minister. The marriage was held as per Covid-19 protocol with limited number of guests. Industries Minister E P Jayarajan and others were present at the marriage ceremony.

K'taka HC seeks response on Fee Regulatory Authority

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THE Karnataka High Court on Monday sought response from the state government on its recommendation of a retired judge as head of the Fee Regulatory Authority.

Hearing a PIL filed by a Hubballi-based trust, a division bench of Chief "We have already recommended the name of a retired judge for appointment to the Fee Regulatory Committee. Firstly, what happened to the recommendation made by us? Secondly, was any proposed fee structure issued by the state government?" a bench of Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice Nataraj Rangaswamy told the government advocate while asking to get instructions from the state government. Further hearing was adjourned to June 18.

The petition was filed by Late G B Kulkarani Memorial Legal Trust, represented by its president Dr Vinod Kulkarni, a medical practitioner and social activist. The petitioner has sought the court's directions to the state and all private medical colleges not to hike the tuition fee structure for post-graduate medical students in private medical colleges in Karnataka.

Put Puttenahalli Lake tender on hold: HC to BBMP

Bengaluru: Observing that transferring the Puttenhalli Lake Birds Conservation Reserve to BBMP by the State Government is completely contradictory to the Wildlife (Protection) Act, the Karnataka High Court on Monday said that the BBMP is yet to respond, despite a notice being served on the matter. A division bench of Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice Nataraj Rangaswamy adjourned the hearing to June 27. The interim order will continue to operate and there should be no further action on the tender called by the BBMP for maintenance of the reserve on April 17, the bench added. The bench passed this order while hearing the PIL filed by Yelahanka Puttenahalli Lake and Bird Conservation Trust against the transfer of the conservation reserve to the BBMP. ENS

CRIME FILE

Cop beats farmer for not wearing mask

Bengaluru: A farmer was allegedly thrashed by a head constable for not wearing a mask, in Kengeri Upanagar on Sunday. One Uday Kumar said that the cop, who was in civil clothes, confronted him for not wearing a mask. When he took out a mask to wear it, Veerabhadraiah started thrashing him with his baton. ENS

Man held for raping beautician

Bengaluru: A 46-year-old beautician was allegedly raped by her friend who lured her by offering help for setting up a salon near his apartment in Kengeri. The accused works in a finance company and befriended the victim on social media a few months ago. Police have obtained CCTV footage of the apartment and Madhukeshwar was detained on Monday. ENS

9 held for rowdy Seena's murder

Bengaluru: The HAL police arrested nine people in connection to the murder case of rowdy Pagal Seena. The prime accused Santosh alias Batting (26) found out that Seena was about to leak information about the former's whereabouts to another gang who were planning to kill him. Seena was allegedly forcing some of his associates to arrange ganja for him. ENS

BBMP scam: ED files plaint against 9

BENGALURU: The Directorate of Enforcement (ED), has filed Prosecution Complaint (PC) against nine private contractors in the BBMP scam case under the provisions of Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 (PMLA), stated an official spokesperson. "The ED has filed PC against NC Nagaraj, SD Shashikumar, his wife Bharathi, G Kumar Swamy, M Nagesh, C Subramani, GS Shivaswamy, Babu Rao and KS Bharath," the spokesperson added.

The ED had initiated money laundering investigation against the contractors after the Karnataka CID had charge-sheeted them for criminal conspiracy against 40 engineers and 42 contractors. The CID had stated that the BBMP had sanctioned work orders to these licensed contractors to execute a specific work but they had failed to do so but had received full payment. ENS

3 held for killing friend

ENS @Bengaluru

THREE youths, who had allegedly stabbed their friend with a beer bottle over a trivial issue, have been arrested by the Kengeri police. The accused are Krishnamurthy (25), Revannasiddaiah (33), and Sandeep (25).

Police said that the victim Mani (26) and others had met at Krishanmurthy''s house near Kengeri on May 31. Meanwhile, they got into a fight and the trio accused Mani of drinking more alcohol. As Mani started hurling abuses at them, the accused allegedly stabbed him with a beer bottle and murdered him. "The three were absconding after the incident and were nabbed on Saturday," the police added.

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INVITATION FOR BIDS
Ref. No.MSCL/007516/2020
1. On behalf of Madurai Smart City Limited, The Managing Director Invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for following works under Madurai Smart City Limited.

Name of Work	Tender value	EMD	Last Date for Bid Submission	Bid Opening Date
Appointment of Project Management Consultant for Smart City Projects under Madurai Smart City Limited (MSCL) 1.Providing UGSS to Madurai City Municipal Corporation in added areas, Zone-1, Smart City area. Phase-II, Package -I under Smart City Limited 2.Providing UGSS to Madurai City Municipal Corporation in added areas, Zone-2, Smart City area. Phase-II, Package -II under Smart City Limited 3.Providing UGSS to Madurai City Municipal Corporation in added areas, Zone-3, Smart City area. Phase-II, Package -III under Smart City Limited 4.Construction of convention centre at Thamukkam Ground in Madurai City Municipal Corporation under Madurai Smart City Limited in Madurai Smart City Limited	Rs. 7.48 Cr.	Rs. 7,45,000/-	14.07.2020, 3.00PM	14.07.2020, 3.30PM

2.Date, Time and Venue for the Pre-Bid Conference : 30.06.2020, 16.30 Hrs at Conference Hall O/o. Madurai Corporation Building, Aringar Anna Maligai, Madurai - 625 002. 3. Form of Contract: Two Cover system. 4.The Bid documents will be available in http://www.tenders.tn.gov.in from 16.06.2020 to 14.07.2020, 3.00 P.M. for bid submission and bid opening will be on 14.07.2020 upto 3.30 PM. 5. The Managing Director, Madurai Smart City Limited reserves the rights to accept or reject any bid or and reject all the bids at any time without assigning any reason thereof. Eligibility criteria and other details can be had from the Bidding document. 6. For any clarifications in Bidding Documents the Bidders may contact the office of the "The Managing Director, MSCL and the Commissioner, Corporation of Madurai, Aringar Anna Maaligai, Tallakulam, Madurai - 625 002". 7.Bids must be submitted to the "The Managing Director, MSCL and the Commissioner, Aringar Anna Maligai, Tallakulam, Madurai - 625 002 Corporation of Madurai" in person on or before 15.00 hours on 14.07.2020 and bids will be opened on 14.07.2020 at 15.30 hours, in the presence of the bidders who wish to attend. If the office happens to be closed on the date of receipt of the bids as specified, the bids will be received and opened on the next working day at the same time and venue. 8. E-mail Address : mducorpce@gmail.com, Contact No : 0452 - 2532412
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ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING NOTIFICATION
M/s. Shree Halasidanatha SSK Niyamit, have proposed to establish 50 KLPD molasses based distillery in the existing sugar industry premises at Sy Nos, 92/3, 94/5, Shankaranand Nagar, Village-Yamgarni Nippani-591237, Chikkodi Taluk, Belagavi District.
As Per Environment Impact Assessment Notification dated: 14.09.2006 and Amendment dated: 01.12.2009, the project Proponent has to obtain prior Environmental Clearance from the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India and is required to go through Environmental Public Hearing process. As per the Terms of Reference letter no.IA-J-11011/397/2018-IA II(I), dated:04.01.2019 of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India and request letter of the project proponent dated: 25.11.2019, the Environmental Public Hearing is being conducted by KSPCB.
The details of the project are as follows:

1.	Name of the Company & Address:	M/s. Shree Halasidanatha SSK Niyamit, Sy Nos, 92/3, 94/5, Shankaranand Nagar, Village -Yamgarni Nippani-591 237, Chikkodi Taluk, Belagavi District, Karnataka State.
2.	Location of the Proposed Project:	Survey Nos, 92/3, 94/5, Shankaranand Nagar, Village-Yamgarni Nippani-591237, Chikkodi Taluk, Belagavi Distict, Karnataka State.
3.	Project proposed:	Establishment of new 50 KLPD molasses based distillery in existing sugar unit.
4.	Date, time and venue of public hearing:	On 16.07.2020 (Thursday) at 11:00 AM at the existing industry premises of M/s. Shree Halasidanatha SSK Niyamit, Survey Nos. 92/3, 94/5, Shankaranand Nagar, Village-Yamgarni Nippani-591237, Chikkodi Taluk, Belagavi District, Karnataka State.
5.	Places of availability of project documents as per EIA Notification, which is kept open to public are:	(a) Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Belagavi District, Belagavi. (b) Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Panchayat, Belagavi. (c) District Industries Centre, Belagavi, Belagavi District. (d) Regional Office- Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Chikkodi. (e) Gram Panchayath Yamgarni Village. (f) Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change South Zone Office, E-3/240, Kendriya Sadan, 4th Floor, E&F Wings, 17th Main Road, 2nd Block, Koramangala, Bengaluru – 560 034. (g) HELP DESK, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Ground Floor, No.49, Parisara Bhavan, Church Street, Bengaluru – 560 001.

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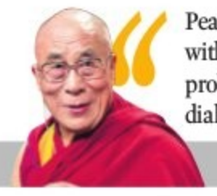

"Peace in the world depends on peace within. If we have that we can approach problems in a spirit of compassion, dialogue and respect for the rights of others" — Dalai Lama

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JUDICIOUS MIX OF NORMAL AND DIGITAL EDUCATION NEEDED

When Covid-19 has taken our lives to bare existence, where survival is the main issue at stake, it's natural that only the most essential of other activities are allowed. When a body is infected, it fights that off internally—that's what we see as fever. We stop work and play, and let our body tend to it. India's Covid-19 fight is analogous to that: We are collectively in fever. But what other activity do we stop? What's essential, what's not?

Education is one realm that certainly cannot be written down in the list of expendable luxuries. And not just because of the prospect of wasted years and messed-up exam schedules for young adults. For pre-adolescents in their formative years, it's nutrition for the brain. There are indeed game-oriented, experiential models that decry formal education, but with parents focused on earning, and mobility severely impaired on account of the virus—well-rounded home schooling would be a pipe-dream in these times. That's why the online ecosystem had suddenly crackled with life.

Karnataka, as India's digital vanguard, was off the blocks fast: schools enlisted software from start-ups, five-year-olds logged on, teachers talked from laptop screens, everything seemed right out of a textbook of postmodernity. But now mental health experts have put a spanner in the works. The savants at NIMHANS, for one, feel an excess of computer-bound learning will actually be detrimental to the delicate flowering process of pre-adolescent minds. The state government, alarmed and responsive, has immediately rolled back that policy, leaving schools and start-ups high and dry. But what could be a solution? Maybe traditional material technology—the tactile medium of paper, on which a pencil etches out the growth of a young mind—need not be jettisoned. Physically distribute learning material in safe ways, gather them back, do not jettison digital either—keep those to optimal interactions. Let's all use this as a chance to learn.

MONSOON ADDS TO PUBLIC HEALTH WORRY

This year, the Southwest monsoon has been spot on. Its progress across the country is timely and hence reassuring. But it also brings in a sense of discomfort amidst the Covid-19 pandemic. Over the next four to five months, India will be faced with a humongous challenge since monsoons open the floodgates of vector-borne as well as communicable diseases. Last year, the country reported at least 28,798 cases of seasonal influenza (H1N1) that claimed over 1,200 lives. Dengue also continues to be a public health worry for a number of states in North, West and South India. In 2018, according to the statistics available with the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, the country reported over one lakh cases. Over 70% of them are in the June-December period and states like Maharashtra, Punjab, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka and Kerala account for the lion's share. Then there is malaria, predominant in Odisha, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh as well as the Northeast. The burden of Japanese encephalitis and other AES continue to haunt many states in East and North India.

With the Indian Council for Medical Research (ICMR) already expanding the symptoms list for Covid-19 to include muscle pain, sore throat, clogged nasal cavity, diarrhoea and loss of taste and smell, India's overstretched healthcare infrastructure is going to be tested for sure. Going by models that forecast a prolonged battle against Covid-19, it is the already-stressed frontline health workers who would be under immense pressure.

The gloom does not seem to end here. The wet season would also present the challenges of natural calamities in the form of floods and cyclones. Both the Centre and state governments put up a joint fight when Amphan ripped through West Bengal and Odisha last month. The disaster rapid action forces showed exemplary courage in relief and restoration, braving the calamitous situation amidst the virus outbreak, but this is just the beginning. The Centre must not lose sight of the associated challenges while combating the pandemic. It's about time it firmed up robust plans keeping in view the challenges of each state.

An intense and simultaneous global rebalancing is the backdrop for a radical change in India

THE THEATRE OF POST-COVID NEW NORMAL FOR INDIA

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The economic fallout from the Covid-19 pandemic has been swift, global and simultaneous. We hear that "this time, it's different" every time a macro correction occurs, and this time it truly may be so. The 1999 and 2008 crises were certainly high impact, but neither was as global as the 2020 correction that was felt in every nation due to the first simultaneous worldwide lockdown in the modern economic world order. The IMF estimates that the $82 trillion global economy may shrink by 3-4%, implying a loss of around $3 trillion. Downward revisions of most advanced nations' GDP growth rates for 2020 are already showing recessionary signals.

The response by global governments has been equally swift and intense. The IMF estimates that approximately $9 trillion has been announced as a combination of fiscal and monetary stimulus across the world. The US, Japan and Germany, among other nations, have given trillions in stimulus packages to stabilise their economies. The increase in money supply should raise inflation and possibly drive down interest rates to negative zones. There has been a sharp decline in central bank rates in the G7, with the US at 0.25%, UK at 0.1%, Japan at -0.1%, and the ECB MDR at -0.5%.

Jobs worldwide have been a significant casualty of this correction. For the first time since the Great Depression, the US witnessed a 23.6% real jobless rate. Over 40.8 million Americans filed for unemployment over the past few months. Bedrock verticals and large employment segments like travel, hospitality, manufacturing, leisure and tourism, retail, food and beverages, events, entertainment, and mobility were offline amidst lockdowns in almost every country that was touched by the pandemic. While employment should recover steadily, it may take much longer than anticipated to go back to the record low unemployment levels seen in most advanced economies before Covid-19. It is not hard to see a more permanent refactoring of jobs being accelerated by the predictable changes that will need to be implemented, such as work from home, masks, temperature checks, social distancing, and other behavioural shifts. The call for upskilling and future readiness will threaten middle income jobs in the services industries particularly, and this will serve as a significant challenge for governments to address.

The pandemic has also uncovered an obvious vulnerability of the global economy—the overdependence of its supply chains on China. China contributes approximately 24% of global manufacturing and amongst the largest shares of the pharmaceutical supply market. With its perceived coercive influence across economies even before the crisis, the build-up of distrust in the CCP's expansive strategies burst through the headlines globally. Japan's government announced support of over $2.2 billion to help its nation's companies shift their supply chains out of China. India announced new controls on capital investments from China into the country. The UK has made it a national priority to move off its reliance on Chinese imports. The US has escalated tensions with renewed calls for economic decoupling. This shift of global supply chains will open new opportunities for India and other emerging Asian economies to capture.

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The impact on the Indian economy is undoubtedly unprecedented. The economy was at a standstill with the nationwide shutdown. While the mass compliance with the PM's decisions was an impressive achievement of a united and cooperative citizenry in the interest of community health, the economic fallout will be an equally daunting challenge to meet. For the first time in a generation, not a single personal car was sold in a month's time and approximately 3 crore people were estimated to miss monthly salaries. The $3 trillion Indian economy may lose approximately $30 billion in size, witnessing negative growth for the first time since Independence. In addition, there may be negative inflation with deeply dampened demand.

To its credit, the Centre has grabbed this opportunity to pass massive reforms that have been long pending. It has rapidly deregulated large-scale industries such as coal and minerals mining, defence manufacturing, civil aviation, power distribution, space sector, atomic energy, solar and battery manufacturing. The amendments to the Essential Commodities Act, including market linkages, pricing elasticity of agri production and infrastructure development for animal husbandry, will rapidly formalise the food production efficiency and earning power of farmers.

The Reserve Bank has reduced interest rates and infused liquidity to stabilise the economy. The Centre has delivered large-scale relief packages to the poor and set a global precedent in using technology to do so. It has announced a significant stimulus package for MSMEs to revive economic activity by the third quarter. There is plenty more to do to realign the economy to its $5 trillion GDP target. The Union government must also devise a large reconstruction budget to build infrastructure and lift the economy. It must do much more to support labour intensive industries such as textiles, chemicals and pharmaceuticals, electronics assembly, automobile manufacturing, and more. It must also accelerate its support to cleaning up the real estate industry and reignite construction work across the nation—this sector alone accounts for over 1.7 crore people employed.

We must view this as a generational opportunity to systematically realign the rails of New India. Decisive steps taken now will drive our economic trajectory for the next decade. As a nation, we cannot miss this window to aggressively capture our position in a realigning world order.

(Tweets @TVMohandasPai and @Pai_dPiper)

CORONA: APPS, SURVEILLANCE AND LACK OF PRIVACY

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The world is facing an unprecedented pandemic, demanding responsible behaviour from people and preventive measures from governments. In India, the lockdown introduced on March 24 saw four phases, resulting in a jolted economy, with over millions losing their jobs and a substantial GDP drop. With no vaccine or cure in sight, the country has moved into an unlocking phase where the authorities have started relaxing the pandemic mitigation measures.

Digital solutions like dashboards, contact-tracing apps and data analytics models are being used to better predict and control the infection spread. EdTech tools for remote learning, ICT tools that enable remote working, and many others have gained wide adoption. However, trust, which is crucial in adopting such technologies, is seen fading from people's minds due to the new ways of surveillance. Be it the orders for home quarantined people to send time-stamped geolocated selfies every hour, threatening legal charges against defaulters, de-facto mandate to download contact tracing apps, or managers monitoring employees stringently through attention-tracking tools—the nation is moving towards a surveillance regime. One state has even mandated salon owners to collect Aadhaar numbers, name, address and mobile numbers of customers just for a haircut. With a range of digital technologies bolstering under-the-skin surveillance, the country is increasingly becoming a panoptic society. With such a society comes a variety of issues related to security, lack of trust, and loss of privacy.

Digital dashboards and contact tracing apps acquire data from users through self-reporting. They collect way more privacy-intrusive information than required, like location, profession, etc., violating the core privacy principle of data minimisation. These tools depend on the self-disclosure of accurate personal and health information by the citizens, which are aggregated for the data reporting of the pandemic and to take necessary measures. Allaying privacy concerns is crucial for accurate self-disclosures. With hordes of data gushing into digital systems, privacy concerns are centred around how much *control* users have over their data, which parties have *access* to it, to whom it is disclosed *(confidentiality)* and how it is used *(transparency)*. Mandating privacy-intrusive measures and irresponsible handling of the user's personal and health data without clear guidelines can be detrimental to the user's trust in these applications. Recalling the initial phases of lockdown, a list of home quarantined citizens returning from foreign countries was published on a public website. Though the list excluded names, it had sufficient personal information to identify the individual. While this is a severe privacy concern in itself, there were several other ethical issues, contributing to the social stigma associated with it.

Lack of transparency on data storage, management, protection, and security as well as lack of corrective measures for compromised data elevates security concerns in the citizens' minds. Will the apps be withdrawn after the pandemic, or would the data be used for secondary purposes? These are some of the fears. Loss of user's trust may only lead to citizens withdrawing from accurate data disclosure, thus impacting the efficacy of these digital initiatives.

> Completely open-sourcing all digital applications that are collecting Covid-related data and timely action on the vulnerabilities reported by experts are required to win the trust of the people as they have to confide their personal information

Adding to the existing woes are the new forms of inequities, marginalisation and denial of services due to the stark digital divide. Senior citizens, with higher chances of comorbidities, are not so tech-savvy, facing significant barriers in accessing digital services. Similarly, migrant workers and daily wage workers, for whom social distancing is a luxury, are more vulnerable to the disease. With low digital literacy and a lack of access to smartphones, they form a significant chunk of "digital have-nots." Over-reliance on technology to provide healthcare assessment and services might lead to the exclusion of such segments due to the digital divide, thus portraying an incomplete and inaccurate picture.

Digital tools, social media and ICT play a key role in keeping the people informed about the pandemic. People rely on information from these digital platforms to decide on their post-lockdown lifestyle and movements. Access to accurate and timely information is crucial to fight the pandemic. People's experience with the digital tools during the four-phased lockdown, and their perceptions about the efficacy and reliability of the tools influence how much they trust them and how accurately they disclose their personal information.

Completely open-sourcing the digital applications coupled with timely action on the vulnerabilities and feedback reported by experts can win the trust of the people to confide their personal information. Sharing completely de-identified pandemic data along with test results on the public domain will protect user privacy. Employing principles of privacy by design while developing new digital applications and focusing on data minimisation, transparency, and openness for existing applications are some ways to win back public trust.

Techno-centric solutions in isolation cannot be a panacea in controlling the spread of the pandemic. Participation by citizens and multi-stakeholder engagement are essential for the effective functioning of these solutions.

(Sowmya Kini and Shubha Krishnamurthy, research scholars at IIM Bangalore, contributed to the article)

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Pay salaries to doctors

It is disturbing to learn that doctors and healthcare workers in Delhi have not been paid their salaries for the last three months. A surge in the number of Covid cases is already taking its toll on them. Non-payment of their salaries just dampens their spirit.
K V Seetharamaiah, Hassan

Looking to profit

This is with reference to *Most private hospitals are not looking to profiteer* (June 15). When treatment for Covid-19 costs only ₹4,000 for an Ayushman Bharat beneficiary in a private hospital while others are charged ₹50,000, how can one say private hospitals are not looking to profiteer? There are many cases in courts against private hospitals for charging exorbitant amounts.
P Victor Selvaraj, Palayamkottai

Many help the public

There are many private hospitals in the country that provide treatment for the economically weaker sections for free or nominal charges. There may be some hospitals that try to fleece the public, but we cannot paint everyone with the same brush. The author has clearly explained the practical difficulties experienced by most hospitals in India.
S Arjun Prasanna, Bengaluru

Cleared many misgivings

The article has cleared many misgivings about private hospitals among the public. There are black sheep, of course, that bring disrepute to all hospitals. It is better to not nourish any prejudice against private hospitals, as they also care for society.
Dharmarajan A K, Thalassery

Actor had a kind heart

The alleged suicide by hugely talented Bollywood actor Sushant Singh Rajput at such a young age has sent shockwaves across the country. As a successful actor in television serials and movies, he had a glorious career ahead of him. He was also a man with a generous heart, having donated a lot to flood relief funds for Kerala and Nagaland. May he rest in peace.
K S Sundaram, Coimbatore

Mental illness still taboo

The actor's death has put the issue of mental health in the limelight once again. In today's hyper-competitive life, illnesses like anxiety and depression have become common. Unfortunately, our society still considers mental illness a taboo topic. This must change.
N Ratan Prasad Reddy, Hanamkonda

Death unfortunate

It is unfortunate that such a promising actor and kind person died by suicide when his cinematic career and personal pursuits seemed to be on track. Was the soft-spoken, sweet-smiling man affected by the pressure in the industry in these times?
Hullasa Behera, Puri

Centre must introspect

This is with reference to *Opportunistic Oli puts India's Nepal policy under test* (June 15). We do not know what is happening to our foreign policy after the late Sushma Swaraj's highly successful tenure. It is deplorable that a brotherly nation like Nepal has resorted to such tactics. Instead of pointing fingers, the Centre must introspect to check any mismanagement of the situation.
Sidhique K M, Bengaluru

Subsidies to small farmers

This is with reference to *Preventing predatory pricing in farming* (June 15). Elementary economics suggests the price of a commodity is fixed through a market mechanism with an equilibrium of demand and supply. The fear of predatory pricing that may haunt small farmers, as your editorial points out, may be mitigated by subsidies from governments to them.
A M Chakravarty, Hyderabad

Against coalition dharma

The Congress joined the alliance in Maharashtra led by the Shiv Sena knowing fully well that it would play only the second fiddle. The attempt at rocking the boat now, when the government has its hands full with a pandemic that is not slowing, is uncalled for.
A Raveendranath, Aranmula

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Following unlock on June 1, daily life is becoming normal... The state doesn't have any plan to impose lockdown again — Vijay Rupani

'MAHA HIDING DEATHS'

Maharashtra government has not reported 950 Covid deaths in Mumbai in violation of ICMR guidelines, ex-CM Devendra Fadnavis alleged in a letter to CM Uddhav Thackeray.

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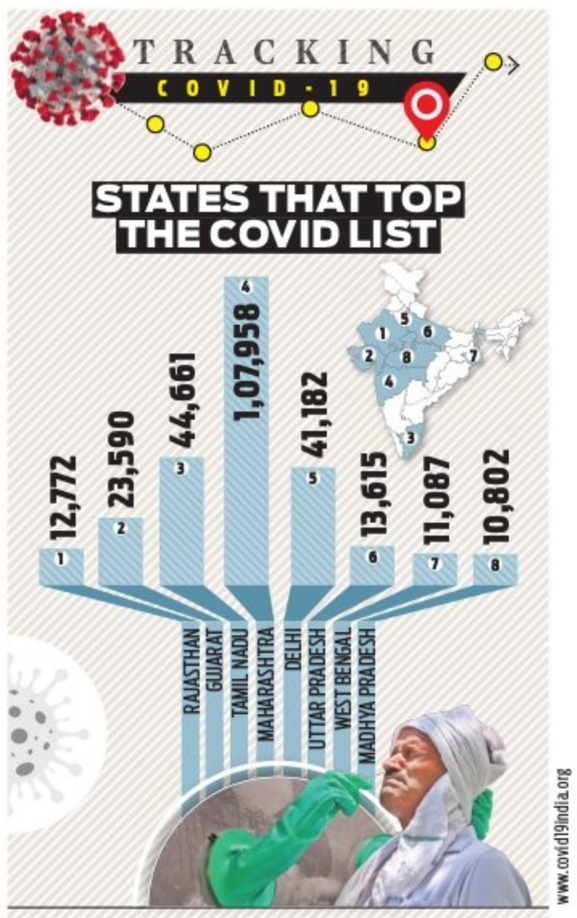


ICMR NOD TO TEST THAT COSTS JUST ₹500

The anti-based testing kit, developed by a private biotechnology firm, can detect Covid-19 in just 30 minutes

SUMI SUKANYA DUTTA @ New Delhi

THE Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), the body leading the Covid-19 response in the country, has validated the first antigen based testing kit in India that will allow infected patients to be diagnosed much faster, at lower rates and without laboratory examinations of the samples.

The development assumes significance as there is widespread concern that not enough tests are being carried out. The testing per million population in India is one of the lowest among the badly hit countries.

As of now, nearly 1.5 lakh RT-PCR tests are being conducted in the country everyday but the testing could go up significantly using the newly approved technique.

The low testing rates, government officials conceded, are mainly because the current testing method, RT-PCR is costly — about ₹2,500 per testing kit — and the samples need to be transported to and then examined at limited number of labs by trained technicians.

The antigen test — which can detect presence of molecules of the pathogen that triggers immune response in an infected person — has been developed by a private biotechnology firm SD Biosensor — has also been validated by AIIMS-New Delhi, apart from the ICMR, and can detect the presence of SARS CoV 2 in swab collected from nose alone.

Each kit, called Standard Q COVID-19 Ag rapid antigen detection test, will cost less than ₹500, can be used in field conditions and can show results within 30 minutes as opposed to RTPCR test that takes 3-4 hours once in labs.

An advisory issued by the ICMR said that the antigen test has a very high specificity (ability to detect true negatives) ranging from 99.3 to 100 per cent while sensitivity of the test (ability to detect true positives) ranged from 50.6 to 84 per cent in two independent evaluations, depending upon the viral load of the patient.

In view of the high specificity but relatively lower sensitivity of the antigen test, the ICMR has recommended the kits to be used in combination with the gold standard RT-PCR test.

The agency has also said that the testing kits be used for all symptomatic people with influenza like illness in containment zones or hotspots, asymptomatic direct and high-risk contacts with co-morbidities of confirmed cases.

In hospitals, the kits are to be used for all symptomatic ILI patients, asymptomatic patients who are hospitalised or seeking hospitalization for chemotherapy and transplants or those who are over 65 years with co-morbidities. In view of rising demand for testing, ICMR has also asked other manufacturers who have antigen detection assays to come forward for validation.

A doctor collects information from a healthcare worker before taking samples for coronavirus test at a hospital in Srinagar on Monday | PTI

'RT-PCR post-antigen test needed for reconfirmation'

"Suspected individuals who test negative by rapid antigen test should be definitely tested sequentially by RT-PCR to rule out infection, whereas a positive test should be considered as a true positive and does not need reconfirmation by RT-PCR test," said the advisory issued by the Indian Council for Medical Research.

29 repurposeable agents found against Covid by IISc team

A team of researchers from the Indian Institute of Science have found 29 potential repurpose-able agents — 20 approved drugs and 9 investigational molecules — against SARS-CoV-2. Apart from the approved/investigational anti-viral drugs, other notable include anti-bacterial, anti-inflammatory, anti-cancer and anti-coagulant drugs. According to researchers, analysis suggests that some of these drugs have the potential to simultaneously modulate the functions of viral proteins and host response system. "Interestingly, many of these identified candidates are suggested to possess anti-viral properties which are supported by laboratory and clinical data. Further, this work opens a new avenue of research to probe into the molecular mechanism of action of many drugs which are known to demonstrate anti-viral activity but are so far not known to target viral proteases," said their paper in pre-print.

SAFETY SHIELD

A devotee greets a monk at Belur Math near Kolkata after it reopened for the public | PTI

SC junks plea on suspension of PCPNDT Act provisions

The Supreme Court on Monday refused to put on hold the government's April 4 notification suspending certain rules under the Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (PCPNDT) Act, 1994 till June 30, in view of the ongoing pandemic. PCPNDT Act is meant for prohibiting sex determination and preventing female foeticide. Hearing a PIL filed by activist Sabu Mathew George on Monday, a bench headed by Justice U U Lalit said, "The country was going through a national crisis and doctors' services should be conserved to fight the pandemic." The PIL has questioned government's arbitrary move to suspend some PCPNDT rules on the ground that it lacks jurisdiction. The petition stresses the fact that the notification could be misused by unscrupulous sections to conduct sex-determination tests freely. "It would not be possible to interfere at this stage," the bench said. It issued a notice to the Centre and slated the hearing for July.

Ministry of Social Justice reaches out to differently abled

Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment took special measures for persons with disabilities amid the pandemic to improve their lives. The Centre gave out 200 motorised tricycles, 239 tricycles, 194 wheelchair, 394 crutches, 108 walking sticks, smart canes, braille kits, rollator, hearing aid, and artificial limbs, among others in Punjab. Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment Thaawarchand Gehlot said the Centre is committed to the welfare of persons with disabilities through various measures and schemes. There would be nationwide distribution of aids and assistive devices to persons with disabilities. The ministry will provide financial assistance and scholarships to persons with disabilities to pursue their education to become self-reliant, he said. So far, 31 lakhs unique ID cards have been delivered to the differently-abled across the country. The ministry said it will arrange camps will be conducted throughout the country to ensure availability of rehabilitation aid to beneficiaries.

'NO EXPERT REVIEW'

CSIR for caution on global data use

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

AFTER a few global studies related to Covid-19 were retracted pending peer review, the Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR) has called for adopting caution on interpretation of data from global pre-prints.

According to the CSIR, it has become a common practice in the global scientific community to post unpublished pre-prints in open archives such as bioRxiv in the area of life sciences. This is to promote open sharing of data with the scientific community at the earliest possible so that it benefits the community at large and doesn't get hidden behind paywalls.

"This practice has become more relevant and SARSCoV gained pace during the current pandemic, as research is being conducted at unprecedented globally. This has helped the scientific community to share the work and scale decipher the workings of the virus at a very rapid pace. However, it is critical to note that the pre-prints are not reviewed by experts in the field," it said.

Emphasising that pre-prints serve a larger good of early access to data by the scientific community, for non-scientific community it is important to note the difference between a pre-print and a research publication that is a result of peer-review. "The expert peer reviewers rigorously review the data, the interpretations and ask for additional experiments or data which may or may not change the final findings of the manuscript. It is a well-established and accepted process in the scientific community," it added.

CPCB asks hospitals, urban local bodies to provide training to Covid waste handlers

RICHA SHARMA @ New Delhi

HOSPITALS and urban local bodies should provide safety training to Covid-19 waste handlers and sanitation workers about infection prevention measures such as hand hygiene, respiratory etiquettes, social distancing, use of appropriate personal protective equipments, said a directive from the Central Pollution Control Board.

The CPCB in April had issued Guidelines for Handling, Treatment and Disposal of Waste Generated during Treatment/Diagnosis/Quarantine of Covid-19 patients by CPCB. The revision-3 was issued to incorporate guidance on segregation of general solid waste and biomedical waste and also addresses safety of waste handlers and sanitation workers associated with healthcare facilities, local bodies and Common Biomedical Waste Treatment Facility (CBWTF0 in handling of biomedical waste and solid waste generated from quarantine centers, home-care, healthcare facilities treating COVID-19 patients.

The pollution watchdog said that in Covid-19 Isolation wards general solid waste like wrappers of medicine/syringes, fruit peel offs, empty juice bottles or tetra packs, empty water bottles, discarded papers, carton boxes of medicines, empty bottles for of disinfectants and any other items which were not contaminated by the patients secretions, body fluids should be collected separately as per Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016.

"Items like leftover food, disposable plates, glass, used masks, used tissues, used toiletries, etc. used by Covid-19 patient shall become biomedical waste and shall be segregated in yellow bag. Used gloves and plastic bottle from patients will be disposed off in red bag," it said.

Free Rao, Saibaba: 100 intellectuals appeal to Prez, CJI

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

ABOUT 100 intellectuals from around the globe have appealed to President Ram Nath Kovind and Chief Justice of India S A Bobde for the release of differently-abled professor G N Saibaba and octogenarian poet Varavara Rao amid the Covid-19 outbreak.

The signatories include academicians like Noam Chomsky, Judith Butler, Nancy Fraser, Indrani Chatterjee, Suvir Kaul, Wendy Brown and Homi K Bhabha, among others. They said Rao and Saibaba were imprisoned on 'fabricated' charges. In view of the duo's deteriorating health conditions, the Covid outbreak in prison posed an increased danger to their lives and they should be immediately released on bail, the signatories said.

Saibaba who suffers from a number of life-threatening ailments including acute pancreatitis, cardiac complications, hypertension and impacted gallbladder stone, has lost most of the functioning of both his hands since he was imprisoned, the letter said. The continued negligence of jail authorities is 'effectively a death sentence' for him during the pandemic, the letter added.

"Jail authorities have not permitted him to send or receive letters in his native tongue, Telugu. Even when his mother visited him, they insisted that he speak to her only in English despite the fact that she does not speak the language. Now she is on her deathbed, battling terminal cancer, while her son languishes in jail, a political prisoner denied medical care," the appeal said.

Rao, a public intellectual and civil rights activist, has shown a commitment to working for the oppressed, the academics said. With Maharashtra being a Covid epicentre, Rao, who suffers from multiple ailments, should be immediately released, they added.

Considering Saibaba's and Rao's deteriorating health conditions and the outbreak of Covid-19 in prisons...there is a potential danger to their lives. We appeal to you to release them immediately on bail —Statement

ISOLATION WARD

'Rail coaches only after state health infra is exhausted'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Covid-19 isolation coaches would be used only when the health infrastructure of the states is exhausted, Railway Board Chairman VK Yadav said on Monday.

"Suspected and confirmed Covid-19 patients will be kept in separate Covid coaches. The Railways has so far received a demand for coaches from Uttar Pradesh, Telangana and Delhi governments. More coaches can be deployed as and when states request them," he said.

According to Yadav, a nodal officer has been designated for each state by the railways and all requisitions by states for the Covid care coaches would come through him. "The isolation coaches will be under the complete care of the chief medical officer of the state government," he said.

The Railway Board chairman said it is more suitable to use non-AC coaches for isolation purposes. "For cooling, the Railways will provide roof insulation in the coaches."

On Shramik trains, Yadav said over 60 lakh migrants have been transported to their home states in over 4,500 trains. "After the Supreme Court order we've again sought their need from states to meet the additional demand," Yadav said. Only 15% of the operating cost was recovered so far, he added.

Punjab seeks debt waiver, aid from Centre

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

PUNJAB Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh has sent a memorandum to Prime Minister Narinder Modi seeking financial aid from the Centre to the tune of ₹79,460 crore, along with non-fiscal assistance on various counts, in order to save lives and secure livelihoods due to the distress caused by the pandemic.

Amarinder has demanded waiver of long-term CCL debt, upward revision of capital outlay and targets under MGNREGA, and other major flagship programmes of the Centre such as Smart City Programme, AMRUT, a new National Urban Employment Guarantee scheme, in addition to revamping of Interstate Migrant Workers Act and amendments to labour reforms to ensure full protection of the rights of agriculture and industrial labourers.

Maharashtra: Schools to reopen on July 1 for Classes IX-XII in non-red zone areas

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

THE Maharashtra government on Monday announced to open schools for Classes IX, X and XII in non-red zone areas from July 1. The decision was taken at a meeting held by Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray with the education minister and education department officials.

From sixth to eighth standard, classes will resume from August and for third to fifth standard, schools will open in September. A decision on opening the schools for first and second standards will be taken by the school managements according to local ground-level situation. For the 11th standard, classes will start after the Class X board examination results.

A circular issued on Monday stated that in the containment zones, schools will not be opened yet but online classes will have to be started.For first and second standards, there will be no e-learning. But the schools and parent can use audiovisual medium like radio and TV for their education.

The circular says that before opening, the schools should be cleaned and sanitised properly. The teacher will work on odd-even basis. Maximum 30 students will be allowed in a class and one-metre distance between two students should be maintained. Mask will be mandatory for all and the student's temperature will have to be regularly checked. The students will bring their own food, water and books.

A local train arrives at the Mumbai Central Station after resumption of suburban train services for people associated with essential services on Monday | PTI

WRONG DECISION

Former Goa deputy chief minister Vijai Sardesai said it was a "political mistake" on his part to support the Pramod Sawant-led state government after the demise of Manohar Parrikar in March last year.

3 HELD IN UP FOR SCHOOL SCAM

Ahmedabad	35	23	Mumbai	31	25
Bhopal	35	25	Panaji	32	24
Jaipur	41	30	Patna	34	26
Amritsar	40	25	Lucknow	38	26
Chennai	39	30	Port Blair	30	25
Kolkata	32	26	Imphal	30	22
Srinagar	31	14	Chandigarh	39	29

NEPALESE INTRUSION IN NO-MAN'S LAND

At Indo-Nepal border in Uttar Pradesh, Nepali citizens have started occupying areas on no-man's land along the border in Lakhimpur Kheri district. Nepalese forces too have set up five Border Out Posts in Kailali area on their side of the border

Nepal PM KP Sharma Oli's moves are being closely watched in India

MAP ROW: INDIA PUTS BALL IN OLI'S COURT

Says Nepal didn't respond to offer of foreign secretary-level talks

PUSHKAR BANAKAR @ New Delhi

INDIA on Monday asserted that the onus is now on the KP Sharma Oli government to create a positive and conducive atmosphere for talks on territorial dispute as its previous offer of foreign secretary-level talks with Nepal on the territorial dispute met with no response.

On the tabling of the Bill to amend Nepal's Constitution to include Lipulekh, Limipiyadhura and Kalapani in its map, sources said 98 per cent of the border was delineated and only two disputed areas exist in Bihar and Uttarakhand.

"We have been in touch with the Nepal government and even made an offer for foreign secretary-level talks just before the Bill was tabled in House of Representatives. However, we got no response from them. Now the onus is on the Oli government to create positive and conducive atmosphere for talks to be held," sources said, adding that tabling of the Bill was driven by a domestic political agenda and pre-judges the conclusion of the talks.

Sources said the Nepal government's decision to form a committee to examine claims regarding the border was evidence of a "hastily taken decision" for political gains. "In the past, we have given enough evidence of our claims. They are in the public domain. The 1817 Governor General ruling that only two of the four villages demanded should be given to Nepal is also in the public domain," the sources said, adding that it was surprising that Nepal was laying claim to Kunti after 200 years.

New Delhi also expressed surprise at Nepal PM's comments linking the rise in the number of coronavirus cases to returnees from India. "It is surprising that Oli is singling out India... A lot of people enter Nepal, including from China. There is political motivation behind the comment," the sources said.

At the same time, India said it enjoys good people-to-people relations with Nepal and will not stop its development projects in the country. "All development projects are on track. In the times of the pandemic, we have provided assistance worth ₹4.5 crore to them." On Monday, India signed an MoU with the Ministry of Federal Affairs and General Administration and the Kathmandu Metropolitan City to provide NR 37.23 million for setting up sanitation facilities at the Pashupatinath Temple.

'China moving towards nuclear triad capability'

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

ASIAN giants China and India have increased their stockpile of nuclear weapons with Beijing for the first time is moving towards nuclear triad capability, the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) said.

In its yearbook 2020, the Swedish think-tank said China is in the middle of a significant modernisation of its nuclear arsenal. "It is developing a so-called nuclear triad for the first time, made up of new land- and sea-based missiles and nuclear-capable aircraft," the SIPRI report said. "India and Pakistan are slowly increasing the size and diversity of their nuclear forces. North Korea continues to prioritize its military nuclear programme as a central element of its national security strategy," it added.

China has 320 nuclear warheads this year as against 290 in 2019 and Pakistan has 160 which were between 150 and 160, according to the report. India has the least among the three with 150 counts of warheads and had 130 to 140 in 2019.

While an overall decrease in the count of nuclear arsenal was observed, the SPIRI said, nuclear powers have begun to modernize their nuclear programme right from production to their means of delivery.

LAC parleys: De-escalation at Galwan Valley discussed

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

THE talks regarding disengagement of troops at the Line of Actual Control (LAC) proceeded further with Chinese and Indian Armies sector commanders meeting at eastern Ladakh in Galwan Valley on Monday.

"The brigade commander-level talks happened in which the commanding officers of the local Units were also present," sources said, adding that the focus was de-escalation in the Galwan region

The talks at the local level formations are taking place almost every day with Monday's meeting taking place near Patrolling Point 14 in the Galwan Valley, one of the four spots where the troops of Indian Army and the Chinese People's Liberation Army are in a standoff position. The other three spots are the Patrolling Point 15, also in Galwan Valley, Gogra Post (PP 17A) in the Hot Spring Sector and Finger 4 on the Northern Flank of the Pangong Lake.

Pangong Lake is also in focus of New Delhi

India is also focused on resolving the situation on Pangong Lake's northern bank, but a pullback is likely to not happen soon given the situation there

The ongoing talks are parts of the efforts to firm up details so that further decision is taken in the next Corps Commander-level talks supposed to be held in future. In the process, there have been five rounds of talks at the Division Commander-level. The first Corps Commander-level talk took place on June 6 after which there have been a minor retreat of troops at three locations barring Finger 4.

Both sides have expressed to resolve issues through talks. "Military and diplomatic channels are open with China. China has also expressed desire to resolve the issue through a dialogue. We also believe that Indo-China tussle could be resolved through a dialogue at the military and the diplomatic levels," Defence Minister Rajnath Singh had said.

The current standoff got triggered on the intervening night of May 5 and 6 when the Chinese soldiers attacked Indian Army troops between Finger 4 and Finger 5.

Tejashwi's poster attack meets JD(U)'s graft barbs

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ Patna

RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav released posters declaring Bihar CM Nitish Kumar "missing" for last 90 days on Monday, prompting a state minister to declare the opposition leader as the "prince of corruption".

Later, Deputy CM Sushil Kumar Modi upped the ante to claim that the Lalu family was the largest landowner in Bihar with 141 plots, 30 flats and half a dozen houses.

It all began after Tejashwi announced to beat drums throughout the state if Nitish does not come out of the house in 100 days. "Now, all the people in Bihar want to know, where is Nitish Kumar missing for 90 days?" he said, unveiling the posters. "This poster will be put across the state soon including all blocks stating that Nitish Kumar has been missing for the last 90 days."

Setting a deadline, Tejashwi that if the Bihar CM does not come out after 10 more days, the Rashtriya Janata Dal will beat the drum all over the state to let the people know that Nitish does not care about the plights of people.

RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav unveils posters asking the whereabouts of Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar at a press conference in Patna on Monday | PTI

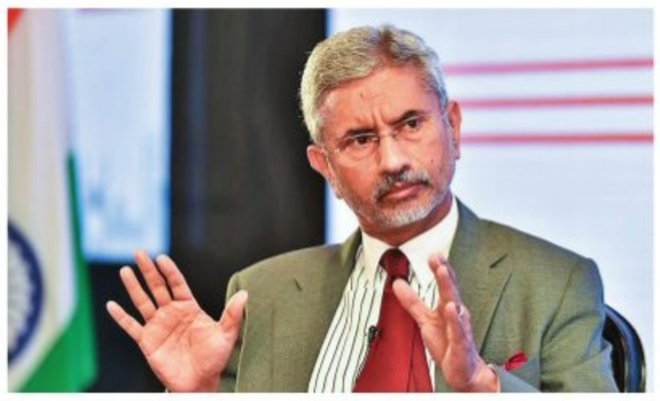
> **Now, all the people in Bihar want to know, where is Nitish Kumar This poster will be put across the state soon including all blocks stating that he is missing for last 90 days** — Tejashwi Yadav, RJD leader

The posters revoked strong reactions from the ruling JD-U, with Information and Public Relation Department minister Niraj Kumar asking Tejashwi to share the whereabouts of the ill-gotten wealth. "The problem with Tejashawi Yadav is that he still lives in the lantern era when the lantern had dried up with kerosene oil. So, the CM will not be visible to you."

Stepping up the attack on Tejashwi, Sushil Modi alleged that the RJD first family had illegally amassed properties. "At the age of just 29, how could Tejashawi Yadav become the owner of more than 52 properties. He is unable to answer this till today," Modi said, adding that Rabri Devi is the owner of more than 30 flats in Patna apart from 43 plots.

Modi further disclosed that Lal Prasad's elder son Tej Pratap Yadav is the owner of 28 properties while his daughter Misa Bharti owns more than 23 properties. "Tejashawi Yadav should tell that when he did not have any ancestral property, could not even study Inter, and also failed in cricket, then what was the merit that helped him become the owner of 52 properties?" he asked.

RJD spokesperson Chitranjan Gagan shot back saying BJP and JD-U leaders have nothing left except accusation against Lalu Yadav's family.



Foreign minister S Jaishankar made the remark at an event on emigrants

'India in talks with nations for ease of travel, migration'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

INDIA is a source of trusted talent for the global economy and that human resources was the core of the country''s engagement with the world, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said on Monday.

"The focus of the conference would be to focus on the policy and practices pertaining to all aspect of migration. And this is a very important responsibility and one that has acquired even greater responsibility in the light coronavirus pandemic," Jaishankar said in his keynote address at the 3rd Annual Conference, Protectors of Emigrants.

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>
> S Jaishankhar, Foreign minister

Jaishankar also said that the Centre's focus has been to provide better jobs and welfare measures for migrants. "We have been engaged in negotiation with the foreign governments to provide ease of travel and opportunity through migration and mobility agreements."

The minister said that the government had given priority to workers in the Gulf and South East Asia.

"We have been taking all possible efforts to reduce their vulnerabilities, curb exploitation and harassment by foreign employers as well as by unscrupulous recruitment agents. There have been significant changes in the structure and role of Recruiting Agents registered by the Ministry," he said. "Nevertheless, there are still cases of cheating, illegal agents and attempts to go for work in an irregular manner. We have all put in great effort to secure the interests of the most vulnerable migrants, especially blue-collar workers, seamen and women."

RAPID RAIL

Sangh affiliate wants Indian firm instead of Chinese giant

KUMAR VIKRAM @ New Delhi

AT a time when 'Boycott China' chorus is getting shriller, a Chinese multinational construction company has emerged as the lowest bidder for a big contract worth ₹ 1,126 crore for Delhi-Meerut Rapid Rail Transit System (RRTS) corridor.

Expressing displeasure, the RSS' economic wing Swadeshi Jagran Manch said that the contract for such projects should be given to Indian companies.

Shanghai Tunnel Engineering Co. Ltd. (STEC) emerged as the lowest bidder for the construction of 5.6 km underground section between New Ashok Nagar and Sahibabad of Delhi-Meerut RRTS corridor.

However, an NCRTC spokesperson said that he would not like to comment on the matter as the bid is still under evaluation process. "We will only comment when the bid process will be finalised," he added.

Five national and multinational bidders including L&T, Tata Projects Limited and others participated in the bid. NCRTC had invited global bids for the first underground civil construction package in November last year and the Technical bids for this contract package were opened on March 16.

The scope of work includes design and construction of twin tunnels from near New Ashok Nagar DN Ramp to Sahibabad UP Ramp and one underground station at Anand Vihar.

Ashwani Mahajan, Co-convenor, Swadeshi Jagran Manch said that the tender for such projects should go to an Indian company.

"Government is promoting 'Make in India' and construction of such big projects should be handled by a Indian company. Government authorities in past as well have cancelled some tenders to promote 'Make in India'," he said

EXPRESS READ

DGCA probe after pilot raises safety alarm

New Delhi: Aviation regulator DGCA ordered probe after an Air Asia India pilot on Monday accused the airline of suspending him for flagging serious safety-related violations. In his tweets, the pilot alleged that the airline violated several safety protocols, which endanger the lives of passengers. The pilot claimed that the airline had he officialy suspended him for standing up for safe operations.

Poll to nine MLC seats in Bihar on July 6: EC

New Delhi: The poll panel on Monday announced that the elections to nine MLC seats in Bihar will be held on July 6. The terms of Ashok Choudhary, Krishan Kumar Singh, Prashant Kumar Shahi, Sanjay Prakash, Satish Kumar, Radha Mohan Sharma, Sonelal Mehta, Md. Haroon Rashid and Hira Prasad Vind ended on May 6. The EC said the schedule was decided after receiving inputs from the Chief Electoral Officer of Bihar.

Edited video: MP Police books Digvijaya, 10 others

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bhopal

FORMER Madhya Pradesh chief minister **Digvijaya Singh** and 10 others were booked by the Bhopal Police for tweeting/re-tweeting an allegedly "edited" video of present chief minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan.

The edited video was just a small part of Chouhan's original video statement made in January 2020 about then CM Kamal Nath's liquor policy. It was shared from Digvijaya's official Twitter handle on Sunday afternoon and then re-tweeted by 10 others.

After complaints from the ruling BJP leaders, the video was removed from the ex CM's Twitter handle. However, the BJP leaders, led by ex-home minister Umashankar Gupta, submitted to the City Crime branch a screen shot and other evidence of the edited video along with a complaint.

The BJP leaders alleged that Digvijaya had deliberately shared the edited part of an old video to malign Chouhan's image. Subsequently, the Crime Branch lodged a case against Singh and 10 others under IPC sections on Sunday late night.

According to additional SP (Crime) Nischal Jharia, the FIR has been lodged u/s 500, 501, 505(2) and 465 of IPC and investigations are underway.

Later, Digvijaya tweeted claiming that the case was lodged as he spoke on how tribals were being in the CM's constituency.

IIT-Guwahati improves in national rankings

IIT-Guwahati was ranked seventh with a score of 74.90 among all engineering institutes, according to India Rankings 2020 conducted by the National Institutional Ranking Framework. It improved its score from 70.87 in 2019 to 74.90 this year. The institute also achieved the best ever rank of 7th in the 'Overall' category. Last year, it was ranked 9th. "This is recognition of the commitment, hard work and dedication of our faculty, students, staff and all stakeholders," IIT-Guwahati director Prof. TG Sitharam said.

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GUWAHATI DIARY

Mutton prices come down

Finally, meat lovers in the city may feel relieved. Apparently, prodded by the Guwahati Municipal Corporation, the Greater Guwahati Qureshi Meat Shoppers' Association has fixed the price of mutton at ₹650 a kg. During the Covid lockdown, mutton was a rarity in the city and its price had shot up to ₹1,000-1,200 a kg. Goats in Guwahati are slaughtered at a government facility. The price of chicken has also spiralled. Broiler chicken (whole) is ₹200 a kg and dressed chicken is ₹300 a kg. Prior to lockdown, the prices were ₹120 and ₹200. Along with meat, the prices of vegetables have also increased due to limited supply of essentials to the Assam capital. Locals appealed to civic authorities to regulate the prices of essentials in the city.

Leopard hacked to death, 6 arrested

A leopard was hacked to death by a mob which also chopped off its nails, tail and other body parts in Guwahati last week. After killing the animal at Katahbari locality, the mob took out a march. The people were furious as the leopard had killed livestock. Six people were arrested by the police in connection with the incident. Leopard killings are very common in Assam. These wild cats often come down the hills in search of food and get killed. Wildlife activists say leopards maintain the balance by preying on monkeys. If there are no leopards, monkeys will play havoc, they warned.

Man killed during a tiff, CM orders probe

The murder of a man in broad daylight prompted Assam CM Sarbananda Sonowal to order a probe by the CID which arrested five accused. Rituparna Pegu, who hailed from Dhemaji district, had come to Guwahati to make a living. On that fateful day, he had picked up an altercation with the accused persons at a home furnishing shop over a petty issue and it led to the murder. Pegu worked in the shop but lost his job during lockdown. Several outfits protested the killing and demanded death penalty to all the accused persons.

8 patients killed

Italian police on Monday arrested a nurse suspected of killing eight elderly patients over a two-year period in the rest home where he worked

GLOBAL WEATHER

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	34	24	SNY	Los Angeles	25	17	SNY
Colombo	31	26	TDS	Melbourne	17	7	LC
Doha	45	32	SNY	Moscow	28	16	LC
Dubai	40	28	SNY	New York	25	14	SNY
Houston	37	22	SNY	Singapore	31	25	TDS
Istanbul	28	19	LC	Toronto	23	15	SNY
London	23	13	LR	Washington DC	25	17	LC

Europe reopens, but fresh outbreak makes China wary

Beijing reverses relaxation of social isolation measures to control virus

BERLIN

European countries reopened borders on Monday after a three-month coronavirus shutdown, although international visitors are still being kept away and there was uncertainty over whether many Europeans will quickly embrace travel outside their home countries.

The virus is far from being wiped out, and the need for constant vigilance came into sharp focus again as China, where Covid-19 first emerged last year, rushed to contain an outbreak in the capital of Beijing.

Germany and France dropped border checks nearly two weeks after Italy opened its frontiers. Greece welcomed visitors on Monday with passengers on flights from other European countries not having to undergo compulsory coronavirus tests.

The European Union's 27 nations and a number of other European states aren't expected to start reopening to visitors from outside the continent until at least the beginning of July and possibly later. Spain put its tourism industry to the test Monday by allowing thousands of Germans to fly to its Balearic Islands without a 14-day quarantine. Officials said the pilot program will help authorities gauge what's needed to guard against possible virus flare-ups.

However, the pandemic is gathering pace in Latin America and Iran and South Asia have reported worrying increases in deaths and infections — adding to concern over challenges the world will face in the long fight against Covid-19.

In Beijing, where an outbreak was traced to a market that supplies much of the city's meat and vegetables, thousands lined up for tests at hospitals and other facilities.

Authorities confirmed 79 cases over four days in what looks to be the largest outbreak since China largely stopped its spread at home more than two months ago.

Agencies

Customers cheer as they are allowed in the Selfridges store in London, on Monday, after three months of being closed under coronavirus restrictions | AP

IAEA CALLS FOR MORE ACCESS IN IRAN'S 2 SITES

The United Nations nuclear watchdog's governing body began meeting on Monday as a row brews over Iran's refusal to allow access to two sites where nuclear activity may have occurred in the past. We take a look

EXPRESSES SERIOUS CONCERN

The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) expressed "serious concern" in a report earlier this month that Iran has been blocking inspections at the sites

The Board of Governors is expected to discuss the report during its meeting

If they pass a resolution critical of Iran, it would be the first of its kind since 2012

IRAN'S ARGUMENT

Activities at all three sites are thought to have been from the early 2000s, before Iran signed the 2015 nuclear deal with world powers, and Iran maintains the IAEA has no legal basis to inspect them

DEMAND FOR ACCESS

The report detailed efforts made by the agency's officials to get access to the locations. Western states have voiced concern over Iran's denial of access to the sites, with the US being particularly

FINDINGS OF THE REPORT

- One site had undergone "extensive sanitisation and levelling" in 2003 and 2004; and there would be no verification value in inspecting it
- The country also blocked access to the other two locations, one of which was partially demolished in 2004 and the other where efforts to sanitise it has been observed from July 2019

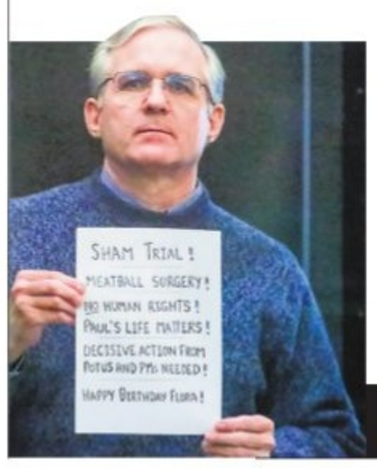
FRESH SANCTIONS?

The latest row over access comes as a landmark deal between Iran and world powers in 2015 continues to unravel

Under the deal, Iran committed to curtailing its nuclear activities in return for sanctions relief and other benefits

But the country has slowly abandoned its commitments in retaliation for US President Donald Trump's decision two years ago to renounce the deal and reimpose stricter sanctions

Russia convicts ex-US Marine for spying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DECISIVE ACTION FROM POTUS AND PM's NEEDED !
HAPPY BIRTHDAY FLORA !

Paul Whelan listens to the verdict at the Moscow City Court | AP

MOSCOW

A Russian court convicted an American corporate security executive Monday of espionage and sentenced him to 16 years in prison after a closed trial that the US denounced as a "mockery of justice," and it angrily said his treatment in jail was "appalling."

Paul Whelan, a former Marine from Michigan, has insisted he was innocent, saying he was set up when he was arrested in Moscow in December 2018 while he was visiting Russia to attend a friend's wedding.

"We have serious concerns that Mr Whelan was deprived of the fair trial guarantees that Russia is required to provide him in accordance with its international human rights obligations," US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said in a statement.

The 50-year-old Whelan, who also holds British, Irish and Canadian citizenship, has publicly complained of poor prison conditions and has said his life is in danger. Two weeks ago, Whelan underwent a hernia operation, which his twin brother, David, described as "emergency surgery ... which is never a good sign." He said his brother had been allowed one phone call in 18 months and had voiced concern about coronavirus infections in Moscow's Lefortovo prison, where he was being held.

Pompeo said the US was "outraged" by the verdict and noted that Paul Whelan's treatment "has been appalling,". *AP*

Oz PM concerned over China sentencing

CANBERRA

AUSTRALIA'S Prime Minister on Monday said that his government is "very sad and concerned" by China's sentencing of an Australian man to death for drug trafficking, and that he had repeatedly raised with China the case of the 56-year-old former actor and motivational speaker.

Karm Gilespie was arrested in 2013 at Baiyun Airport in the southern Chinese city of Guangzhou on charges of attempting to board an international flight with more than 7.5 kilogrammes of methamphetamine in his check-in luggage.

The Guangzhou Intermediate People's Court announced Saturday that Gilespie had been sentenced to death and ordered the confiscation of all of his personal property.

"I and the government are very sad and concerned that an Australian citizen, Mr Karm Gilespie, has been sentenced to death in China," Morrison told Parliament.

The death sentence comes as bilateral relations are under extraordinary strain over Australia's call for an independent investigation into the Covid-19 pandemic. Chinese foreign ministry spokesperson Zhao Lijian said that the sentence was unrelated to those tensions. *AP*

Johnson and EU chiefs revive Brexit trade talks

BRUSSELS

BRITISH Prime Minister Boris Johnson and EU chiefs on Monday agreed to breathe new life into their stalled post-Brexit trade talks, as both sides committed to ramp up negotiations over the summer.

Johnson made the joint UK-EU pledge with European Commission president Ursula von der Leyen and other EU chiefs after an hour-long video conference called to take stock of progress after three months of trade talks.

Noting that four rounds of negotiations had taken place, a joint UK-EU statement said that "despite the challenges presented by the Covid-19 pandemic ... the parties agreed nevertheless that new momentum was required." The leaders also agreed to pursue a possible "early understanding" on the broad principles of the deal, in an acknowledgement that negotiations could run out of time.

It was Johnson's first personal involvement in the talks, which began just weeks after Britain left the European Union on January 31 after 47 years in the European project.

So far the post-Brexit talks have achieved little, with hope on both sides that backing by Johnson and von der Leyen will be enough to revive the proceedings. *AFP*

THE RACE DEBATE

Book Critics Circle officials resign

NEW YORK

THE president and five other board members of the National Book Critics Circle have resigned amid allegations of racism and violations of privacy.

Laurie Hertzel, who had served as president since 2019, announced over the weekend she was leaving the 24-member board.

Her departure came two days after another board member, Ugandan-American writer Hope Wabuke, posted redacted screenshots on Twitter of an email exchange that included correspondence from Hertzel and board member Carlin Romano.

The NBCC had been crafting a response to the worldwide protests against police racism and violence.

"As members of the NBCC board were trying to work out the wording of a statement in support of Black Lives Matter and against racism, especially in our own realm of publishing, private exchanges were made public on Twitter, which made it impossible to continue with this discussion in good faith," Hertzel wrote.

NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY

E-TENDER NOTICE

Following E-tenders are invited by DRM (WA) NWR/Ajmer at 15.00 Hrs. on the mentioned date. **1. Tender No.: 72/2020, Name of work :** Renewal of SEJs in Ajmer-Chittaurgarh Section., **Approximate Cost :** Rs. 29,61,635.80, **Earnest Money:** Rs. 59,200.00, **Tender Closing Date :** 08.07.2020, **2. Tender No.: 73/2020, Name of work :** ADEN (Line) - All sub div. - Deep screening of Points & Crossings and Yard Lines in Madar-Haripur section., **Approximate Cost :** Rs. 62,99,560.64, **Earnest Money:** Rs. 1,26,000.00, **Tender Closing Date :** 08.07.2020, **3. Tender No.: 76/2020, Name of work :** AJMER Division: Maintenance of Track (Up & Down Line) between Km. 547.50 to 573.60 = 26.60 Kms. on Madar-Palanpur Section., **Approximate Cost :** Rs. 1,78,01,550.77, **Earnest Money:** Rs. 2,39,000.00, **Tender Closing Date :** 08.07.2020, **4. Tender No.: 99/2020, Name of work :** Deep Screening of Loop Lines of Ajmer-Chittaurgarh section under jurisdiction of Sr. DEN/East/ Ajmer., **Approximate Cost :** Rs. 1,46,25,623.10, **Earnest Money:** Rs. 2,23,100.00, **Tender Closing Date :** 08.07.2020, **5. Tender No.: 100/2020, Name of work :** Ajmer Division - Removal of DFWR (Welds) of 52 Kg. - 90 UTS in Ladpura-Marwar Jn. and Ajmer-Chittaurgarh-Udaipurcity Section., **Approximate Cost :** Rs. 1,05,57,545.28, **Earnest Money:** Rs. 2,02,800.00, **Tender Closing Date :** 08.07.2020, **6. Tender No.: 101/2020, Name of work :** AJMER Division - Rehabilitation of Bridge No. 461 (6 x 7.01m. Stone Arch) between Sendra-Bar Stations on Madar-Palanpur Section., **Approximate Cost :** Rs. 66,35,856.62, **Earnest Money:** Rs. 1,32,700.00, **Tender Closing Date :** 08.07.2020, **7. Tender No.: 102/2020, Name of work :** ADEN-RPZ Sub Division: Supply of Ballast (Machine Crushed) in MVJ-MJ Section between KBK-CBG-LSG from Km. 55/8 to 88/8 = 33 Kms., **Approximate Cost :** Rs. 1,32,67,080.00, **Earnest Money:** Rs. 2,16,300.00, **Tender Closing Date :** 08.07.2020, The detailed information of the above tender is available on website **www.ireps.gov.in** and Tender Notice Board of DRM Office, NWR/Ajmer.

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POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)

Whereas, the Authorised Officer of **KARNATAKA BANK LIMITED,** under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated **13.12.2019** calling upon the borrowers/mortgagors guarantors **(1) Mr.Mahesh B P S/o Mr.Parvathaiah (2) Mrs.Sumavathi N W/o Mr.Mahesh B P (3) Mr.Kumar B P S/o Mr.Parvathaiah (4) Mrs.Navya M W/o Mr.Kumar B P, All are residing at: No.58, Khatha No.57/58, Ward No.39, Revanna Badavane, Nayandahalli Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru-560039** to repay an total amount mentioned in the notice being **₹ 34,67,886.00 [Rupees Thirty Four Lakhs Sixty Seven Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty Six Only]** i.e **₹ 25,29,175.00** under **TL A/c No.105700160036770 1** and **₹ 9,38,711.00** under **TL A/c No.105700160037340 1** along with future interest from **07.12.2019** and **20.11.2019** respectively within **60** days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers, the mortgagors and the guarantor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers, the mortgagors and the guarantor and the public in general **that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below** in exercise of the powers conferred on him under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 and 9 of the said Rules on the **11th day of June - 2020.**

The borrowers, the mortgagors and the guarantor in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property mentioned herein below and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **Karnataka Bank Ltd., Vijayanagar Branch, Bengaluru** for an amount of **₹ 34,99,494.00** i.e **₹ 25,15,977.00** under **TL A/c No.105700160036770 1** and **₹ 09,83,517** under **TL A/c No.105700160037340 1** along with future interest from **07.06.2020 and 20.05.2020 respectively,** plus costs.

[The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.]

Description of the Immovable Property

All that piece and parcel of residential property measuring 1295.75 sq ft bearing Site No.58, Khata No.57/8, Ward No.39, situated at Nayandahalli Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru with building constructed thereon belonging to Mr.Mahesh B P. Boundaries of Property: East by: Private Property, **West by:** 25 feet road, **North by:** Northern portion of Site No.58, **South by:** Property No.61.

Place: Bengaluru
Date: 11.06.2020

Sd/-
Chief Manager & Authorised Officer
Karnataka Bank Ltd.,

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E- AUCTION SALE NOTICE (Sale through e-bidding only)

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act,2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules,2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor(s) indicated in Column (A) that the below described immovable property(ties) described in Column (C) mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive / physical possession of which has been taken as described in column (D) by the Authorized Officer of Housing Development Finance Corporation Limited (HDFC Ltd) Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is",** and **"Whatever there is"** as per the details mentioned below :

Notice is hereby given to Borrower / Mortgagor(s) / legal heirs, legal representatives (whether known or unknown), executor(s), administrator(s), successor(s) and assign(s) of the respective Borrower(s) / Mortgagor(s)(since deceased), as the case may be, indicated in **Column (A)** under **Rule 8(6)** of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Housing Development Finance Corporation Limited (HDFC Ltd) Secured Creditor's website i.e. **www.HDFC.Com**

	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E) & (F)	(G)
Sl. No.	Name/s of Borrower(s)/ Mortgager(s)/ Guarantor(s)/	Outstanding dues to be recovered (Secured Debt) (Rs.)*	Description of the Immovable Property / Secured Asset (1 Sq. mtr. is equivalent to 10.76 Sq.ft) and Reserve Price	Type of Possession	Reserve Price (Rs.) & Earnest Money Deposit (Rs)	Date and time of E-Auction
1	Mr. Chattopadhyay Pulak (Borrower) Loan A/c No: 613556509	Rs.30,02,678/- (Rupees Thirty Lakhs Two Thousand Six Hundred and Seventy Eight Only) As on 31.08.2019	All that piece and parcel of residential Two Bedroom Apartment bearing No. #608 (Unit # SMR-694), on the 6th Floor in Block #A, having super built area of 106.88 Sq.mt (1150 Sq.ft). and UDS of 406 Sq.ft. with one open car parking in the building known as 'Shriram Smrithi Residential Complex', situated on Biddarguppe Village, Attibele Hobli, Bangalore.	Physical Possession	Rs.30,00,000/- (Rupees Thirty Lakhs Only) / Rs.3,00,000/- (Rupees Three Lakh Only)	22.07.2020 12.00 PM TO 12.30 PM

1. Inspection Date & Time: 04.07.2020 and 11.07.2020 between 11.AM TO 4.PM
2. Minimum bid increment amount: Rs.20,000/-
3. EMD Amount Submission on or before : 20.07.2020

*together with further interest @ 18% p.a. as applicable, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc. incurred up to the date of payment and / or realisation thereof.

For any assistance related to inspection of the property, or for obtaining the Bid document and for any other queries, please get in touch with Mr.Yogesh.N/ShridharChinni official of HDFC Limited through Tel No.080-41182283, 080-41182126/ 9449080072.

To the best of knowledge and information of the Authorized Officer of HDFC Ltd, there are no encumbrances in respect of the above immovable properties / Secured Assets.

Date: 16.06.2020
Place: Bangalore

For Housing Development Finance Corporation Ltd.
Sd/- Authorized Officer

UCO BANK (A Govt. of India Undertaking)

Vijaynagar Branch,
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Phone : (080) 23107803, 23106262. Email : Vijban@ucobank.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE (For immovable property) [Rule 8(1)]

The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **UCO BANK,** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (2) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated calling upon the borrower, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice with acrued interest and incidental expenses, Costs, etc. within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower, guarantor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described here in below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rules 8 of the said rules. The borrower and guarantor in particular and the public in general is **hereby cautioned not to deal** with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **UCO BANK** for an amount with accrued interest and incidental expenses, Costs, etc. **The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.**

Sl. No.	Name of the Borrowers	Demand Notice and Possession Notice Date / Amt. due Rs.	Description of the Property
1	1. Mr. Riyaihuddin and 2. Mrs. Asmath	20.2.2020 11.6.2020 As on 31.1.2020 Rs.31,38,551.32 and cost & charges w.e.f 1.10.2019	**Schedule " A" Property :** All the piece and parcel of the property bearing site no.397 intermediate situated at 4th cross, 2nd Main Road, layout formed by syndicate bank employees house building co-operative society limited, layout plan approved by the competent authorities at Herohalli Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, which presently comes under the jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagar Palike (B.B.M.P) Ward No.72, Bangalore and site is measuring East to West : 60 feet and North to South 40 feet and in all 2400 sq.ft and bound **East by** : Road, **West by** : Site No.387, **North by** : Site No.396 and **South by** : Site No.398. **Schedule "B" Property :** All that piece and parcel of Residential Units constructed on the schedule 'A' property known as "Chaithanya's Nest" consisting of stilt floor, Ground Floor and Three Upper Floors, Flat No. TF-01, in Third Floor with Super Built-up area of 1200 Sq.feet with vitrified flooring, windows fitted with grill and one car parking in the stilt floor mof the building bearing parking area no TF-01 and along with undivided share 300 sq.ft in one among the 8 residential units constructed in the schedule 'A' property. **Schedule 'C' Property :** All that piece and parcel of immovable property being the residential apartment known as 'CHAITHANYA'S NEST' bearing flat no.TF-01, in the Third Floor (Two Bedrooms) in the site no.397, (As per BBMP Flat No.397/6), BBMP Khata No.418/6, situated at 4th Cross, 2nd Main Road, Syndicate Bank Employees House Building Co-Operative Society Limited at Herohalli Village, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore - 560091, Which comes under the jurisdiction of BBMP ward no.72, Bangalore (morefully described in Scheduled A Property), Measuring Super Built up area of 1200 Sqft. with undivided share of rights, title, interest etc. to an extent of 300 sq.ft and ,bounded on : **East by** :Road, **West by** : Flat No.TF-02, **North by** : Site No.396 and **South by** : Site no.398.
2	1. Mrs. Saraswathi A 2. Mr. Abhaya Venkataramana G	20.2.2020 11.6.2020 As on 5.2.2020 Rs.48,17,207.80 and cost & charges w.e.f 1.2.2020	EQUITABLE MORTGAGE OF PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing No.946/2, situated at Hosakerehalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, in the layout formed by Vishwabharathi House Building Co-operative society Ltd (having its registered office at No.35, Ratnavilasa Road, Basavanagudi, Bangalore - 4 at Vishwabharathi Housing Complex in the 4th Phase of Girinagar, Bangalore-85, Presently property bearing no.946/2, Hosakerehalli, Vishwabharathi HBCS, Girinagar, B.S.K 3rd Stage, Bangalore, Corporation ward No.54, with Unique Property ID (PID) No.54-169-946/2, measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 50 feet in all measuring 1500 square feet, together with all rights, appurtenances, whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface and Boundaries: **East by** : Site No.946/3, **West by** : Site No.946/1, **North by** : Road and **South by** : Margin Land. Together with structures standing thereon comprising of 5 squares of Ground Floor, 5 squares of First Floor, 5 Squares of Second Floor and 5 Squares of Third Floor, RCC Roofed building, with vitrified flooring, doors and windows made out of Honne wood and with all civic amenities, like water, sanitary and electric facility.

Date : 11.6.2020
Place : Bangalore

Sd/-
Authorised Officer, UCO Bank.

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BUSINESS

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TODAY'S STOCK PICK

Current Price ₹950.8

Target Price ₹1,200

HDFC Bank: HDFCB's business growth remains robust despite economic activity getting impacted due to the COVID-19 outbreak. Corporate loan growth remains strong and is driving overall loan growth while retail loan growth remains soft. Although moratorium supports asset quality, credit cost is expected to stay elevated while provisioning buffers should limit the overall impact on earnings.

– Motilal Oswal Financial Services Ltd

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EXPRESS READ

SETTLEMENT

EPFO CLAIMS TO BE SETTLED AT ANY LOCAL OFFICE NOW

New Delhi: Fund body Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) on Monday said that it has rolled out a multi-location claim settlement facility which will allow officials to expedite member claims. This system moves away from the existing process which calls for claims to be settled based on geographical jurisdiction of different offices. The facility will bring a paradigm shift by allowing EPFO offices to settle online claims from any of its regional office across the country, the labour ministry said in a statement. All types of online claims such as for provident fund, pension, etc. can be processed under this initiative.

AGRICULTURE

BAYER, ITC TIE UP TO MARKET CROP PROTECTION PRODUCTS

New Delhi: Bayer CropScience has partnered with ITC to market its crop protection products to farmers through the latter's e-Choupal online platform. The partnership has commenced as a pilot project in Mysore, Karnataka, and will gradually be expanded to other geographies across India, Bayer CropScience said in a statement. With COVID-19 disrupting farming operations, this will help farmers avail agri-inputs and digital advisory on a timely basis, it said. "ITC and Bayer are jointly training and on-boarding retailers in the Mysore region to cater to farmers' orders placed through the platform," it said.

MANAGEMENT

AXIS BANK'S RETAIL BANKING HEAD PRALAY MONDAL QUITS

New Delhi: The third largest private sector lender Axis Bank on Monday said its executive director Pralay Mondal has resigned due to "personal compulsions" within one year of joining the bank. Mondal, who joined the bank in April 2019 from smaller rival Yes Bank and is widely credited with building HDFC Bank's highly successful retail franchise, was leading the retail segment at Axis Bank. "It is an unanticipated but unavoidable development owing to some personal compulsions," Mondal was quoted in the bank's statement. The bank is looking for a replacement and an internal candidate is most likely to succeed, reports say.

MARKET WATCH

MARKET
552.09 ▼ Sensex 33,228.80 | 159.20 ▼ Nifty 9,813.70

GOLD
₹109 ▼ 24 carat (1 gm) ₹4,705 | ₹70 ▼ 22 carat (1 gm) ₹4,686

SILVER
₹2,320 ▼ Per kg ₹46,915 | ₹2.33 ▼ Per gm ₹47.01

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▼ Dollar 76.03 ▼ Euro 85.84

Wholesale prices enter deflationary phase

WPI-based inflation for May recorded a 4-year low of -3.21%

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WITH the lockdown causing a steep fall in demand for fuel, power and many non-essential items, the Wholesale Price Index (WPI) recorded its worst performance in the last four years in May, 2020. According to government data, the index entered the deflationary zone during the month, contracting by 3.21 per cent.

Data released shows that the fuel and power category was the worst hit with respect to declining prices (deflation) for the third month in row, falling by 19.83 per cent against 10.12 per cent in the previous month.

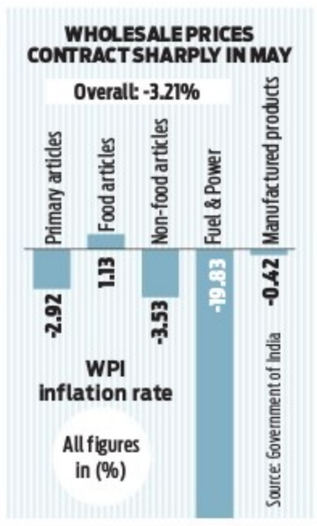
Petrol, diesel, and liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) all witnessed a price decline during the month, pulling down the overall index since the category has a weightage of 13.15 per cent in the index. Manufactured products, with a weightage of 64 per cent, saw prices falling by 0.42 per cent. And, while overall food items showed light inflation of 1.13 per cent during the month, wholesale vegetable prices declined by 12.48 per cent. Pulses price inflation also softened, falling to 11.91 per cent in May from 12.31 per cent in the previous month.

Apart from the sharp decline in wholesale prices, collection of data remains a pain point. The governmental had not released the complete WPI for April citing data inadequacies. And, while overall CPI numbers for May have not been released on account of suspended field surveys, the government has disclosed that CPI food inflation had crossed 9 per cent during the month.

The Commerce ministry, which publishes WPI data, has advised its field offices to collect price data through electronic means and the final index for the month would be released next month.

According to ICRA Principal Economist Aditi Nayar, the rise in prices of some commodities like crude oil may arrest the fall in the WPI going ahead, even as easing food price pressure portends a welcome moderation in retail food inflation.

"Therefore, we expect another 25 bps cut in the repo rate, whenever the monetary policy committee chooses to meet next," Nayar said.



Exports down 36.5%, deficit narrows in May

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INDIA'S merchandise exports continue to show a declining trend, shrinking by 36.5 per cent in May on account of the global restrictions on trade due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Imports fell by a larger 51.1 per cent in May resulting in a trade deficit of just $3.2 billion, data released by the commerce ministry on Monday said. However, the fall in exports has been less steep than during the previous month of April 2020, when exports had plunged by 60.3 per cent, or March (58.7 per cent). According to the FIEO president Sharad Kumar Saraf, despite the decline in May there has been a drastic arrest in the fall of exports compared to April.

"This has been because of the partial start of businesses across the country and business orders from markets like the US and European Union. Revival still seems a very slow process as global business sentiments are at their lowest, impacting the supply chain and bringing on recessionary conditions in economies across the world, " he added.

Retail credit growth to slow this year

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RETAIL lending, which has been the torchbearer of bank credit, is likely to fizzle out this fiscal both due to falling demand and lenders tightening borrower assessment norms.

The steep rise in retail loans, which comprises housing, auto loans, personal loans, credit card outstanding and loans to finance consumer durables, has been dutifully making up for the slack in industrial credit offtake for the past few years.

For instance, notwithstanding the slowdown, credit flow to housing loans shot up 16 per cent in FY20, while personal loans and credit card outstanding grew at a phenomenal 20 and 22 per cent respectively. Against the single-digit growth in industrial credit, the robust rise in retail loans neutralised overall bank credit growth at 7.6 per cent in FY20.

But double-digit growth appears uncertain this fiscal. In its report last week, TransUnion Cibil said it expects a drop in approval rates for all major retail products, especially personal loans and loans against property. It also expects that default rates will increase the most in personal loans and credit cards, followed by home and auto loans. The credit bureau also observed that asset quality for unsecured lending products was likely to be impacted severely due to the pandemic and that the inability of consumers to repay after the moratorium period could adversely impact their credit scores.

Low retail NPAs

What makes the retail segment attractive is their low NPA levels. As on September 2019, retail NPAs were just 1.8 per cent against the industry's 17.3 per cent. As on March, 2020 retail loans accounted for 28 per cent of overall non-food credit

According to Abhay Kelkar, vice president of research and consulting, TransUnion Cibil, unlike the last recession, demand for products like credit cards and personal loans will remain moderate this fiscal. Importantly, he added, demand for auto and home loans will remain weak for sometime.

Until now, retail loans were the driving force of bank credit. Every once in a while, RBI sends out a subtle, but informal warning to banks against aggressive retail lending, but banks have hardly tried to contain the trend. S S Mundra, a former deputy governor, RBI was rather direct. "If every banker is searching a nirvana in retail loans then I think a word of caution is needed," he once noted at a public event.

Clix Group, Lakshmi Vilas Bank eye merger

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PRIVATE sector lender Lakshmi Vilas Bank said on Monday that it has received a preliminary proposal from the Aion Capital-backed non-banking lender Clix Capital for a merger. The terms offered will result in a boost to the Chennai-based lender's capital base by around ₹1,900 crore.

The bank said in an exchange filing that it has entered into a non-binding letter of intent with Clix Capital Services Pvt Ltd and Clix Finance India (Clix Group) in relation to the proposed amalgamation of the group with the bank. Aeon Capital, which is promoted by ICICI Ventures and Apollo Global Management, owns 85 per cent stake in Clix Capital Services and Clix Finance India.

Tata Motors posts ₹9,894 cr loss as pandemic hits JLR sales in Q4

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TATA Motors on Monday reported a consolidated loss of ₹9,894.25 crore for the quarter ended March 2020. The struggling company had posted a consolidated profit of ₹1,117.5 crore in the same quarter the previous fiscal and a ₹1,738.3 crore profit in the quarter ended December 31, 2019.

According to the auto-maker, its subsidiary Jaguar Land Rover's fourth quarter results were significantly impacted by the pandemic's effect on China, while in India, demand had been adversely impacted by a general economic slowdown even before the pandemic reached Indian shores. Other factors which impacted the company's performance in the quarter included the transition to BS-VI and liquidity stress.

TataMotors' luxury brand and main cash cow JLR reported a loss of 501 million pounds before taxes, while Tata's standalone India business reported a loss ₹4,871 crore for the quarter—singnificantly higher than what was estimated by analysts. Shares of Tata Motors fell 4.56 per cent on Monday on the BSE and the stock has already lost 43 per cent of its value year-to-date.

Guenter Butschek, CEO and MD, Tata Motors, said, "Disappointingly, even with our relentless focus on retail acceleration, 'Mission Zero' on BSIV inventory and stringent cost reduction initiatives, we have not been able to mitigate the impact on our financials." Ralf Speth, JLR Chief Executive, added, "In China, we are beginning to see recovery in vehicle sales and customers are returning to our showrooms. Our operational fitness gives me confidence that we can weather this storm."

Consolidated revenue from operations stood at ₹62,492.96 crore, down by 27.7 percent year-on-year. Standalone business fell 48 per cent to ₹9,733 crore while JLR's revenue declined 24 per cent during the quarter YoY.

Tata Motors also warned that sales in Q1FY21 is expected to be significantly weaker for both JLR and TML, with the full impact of lockdown set to reflect on the results.

Gradual improvement in performance expected

A gradual improvement in performance is anticipated in the coming quarters, according to Tata Motors, riding on a robust cost and cash savings agenda. "Actions are underway to significantly deleverage the Tata Motors Group with JLR to become sustainably cash positive from FY22 while becoming future ready," the company said.

SC slams auto dealers for flouting order

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THE Supreme Court on Monday pulled up automobile dealers and the Federation of Automobile Dealers Associations of India (FADA) for flouting norms related to the sales and registration of BS-IV vehicles during the grace period granted by the court due to the lockdown.

In March, the top court had extended the March 31 deadline for the sale of BS-IV vehicles in India, giving an extension of 10 days, post the end of the lockdown period, to sell off the stock across the country (barring in Delhi-NCR) in view of the countrywide lockdown announced on March 25.

The apex court had passed the order on a plea by FADA, which had sought an extension of time to help them sell unsold BS-IV inventory. On Monday, the court said it had allowed the sale and registration of only 1.05 lakh BS-IV emission norms-compliant vehicles, whereas dealers had sold 2.55 lakh units. "Where is the affidavit? What will happen to the 2,25,000 vehicles that have already been sold? Do you think this is a game? It had to be filed by May; it's already end of June now," the bench headed by Justice Arun Mishra asked.

MEIL FORAYS INTO DEFENCE MANUFACTURING

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

HYDERABAD-based infrastructure major Megha Engineering and Infrastructures Limited (MEIL) announced on Monday that it is foraying into the defence equipment manufacturing sector, with all permissions now ready to begin manufacturing a wide range of products: from weapons and combat vehicles to other equipment like specialising minelaying vehicles.

The company is consequently planning to set up a facility in Hyderabad at an outlay of ₹500 crore. MEIL had applied for permission under Defence procurement policy 2020, part of the Make in India initiative, to produce weapons, vehicles, ancillaries and arms. "After careful examination of MEIL's capabilities under various government stipulations, the government of India issued the approvals. MEIL group will set up a manufacturing unit with a capital outlay of ₹500 crore at various stages," MEIL said.

The company had initially begun in the field of construction and infrastructure creation, eventually diversifying into the oil and gas, power, solar power, aviation and now defence sectors.

MEIL group arm IComm Tele Limited is already working with national defence institutions in science and technology, according to the group, and is involved in the development and supply of advanced communication radios, jammers, EW shelters, antennas, electronic warfare containers, wind profiles and radars. India's first mobile virology lab to deal with the Covid-19 pandemic was also developed and launched in April by IComm, MEIL said.

"With the necessary approvals in place, Megha group is setting up modern manufacturing facilities to produce various cutting-edge defence equipment indigenously at our upcoming new facility at Hyderabad," Srinivas Bommareddy, President, MEIL, said. The facility will manufacture ancillaries to combat vehicles, light combat vehicles, armoured engineer recovery vehicles, armoured recovery vehicles, infantry combat vehicles, armed multi-purpose vehicles, missiles, multi-barrel rocket launchers, machine guns, rockets, cannons, etc.

OVERSEAS MARKETS

Ajanta-Orpat bets on exports to tap buyers keen on ditching China

BINITA JAISWAL @ Chennai

Ajanta-Orpat Group, which operates in consumer electronic, electrical and home appliances segments, is expecting a growth of 15-20 per cent in exports this financial year.

During the nationwide lockdown, the world's largest wall clock manufacturer witnessed a significant surge in enquires from at least 18 new countries. The group is hopeful that a sizeable chunk will be translated into revenue. The Gujarat-based manufacturer currently exports to 45 countries and exports comprise about 20 per cent of its revenue, while the remaining is generated from the domestic market.

"We are receiving export demand and enquiries from completely new markets which is very encouraging for us. Countries which were traditionally doing business with China are now eager to tap the Indian market and the trend will definitely work in our favour. By the end of this fiscal, exports are expected to contribute nearly 40 per cent to our revenue," says Nevil Patel, director, Ajanta-Orpat Group.

Other categories such as home appliances, clocks and calculators are also in good demand. "We have started working on two new export orders. We have adequate infrastructure and manpower in place to meet the rising demand," said Patel. Since the manufacturing unit at Morbi in Gujarat was in the green zone, the company was able to restart production immediately after the lockdown was relaxed. It now aims to focus aggressively on the home appliance range since it believes the segment would be a major growth driver. The company is keen on strengthening its position in the domestic market by launching innovative products and increasing the number of its distributors.

It currently has 450 distributors across the country and expects to add at least 70 more by end of this year. "During the lockdown, people have developed an interest in cooking. Keeping that in mind, we are developing new kitchen appliances which will be soon available in the market. Energy efficient fans are also on the pipeline," said Patel.

DIS Grewal appointed PSPCL director

Daljit Inderpal Singh Grewal has assumed charge as the director (distribution) of Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL). With more than 35 years of working with the company, Grewal has served as engineer-in-chief (distribution central zone) and chief engineer (south zone). He replaced NK Sharma, who had a three-year stint on the post. The Punjab government has issued orders for appointment of Grewal for a term of two years.

Business & Beyond

IOB cuts lending rate by up to 30 bps

Chennai-based public sector lender Indian Overseas Bank has cut the marginal cost of funds based lending rate (MCLR) by up to 0.30 per cent across all tenors, which will bring down cost for consumer loans. The benchmark one-year MCLR, against which most of the consumer and retail loans are priced, has been cut by 0.20 per cent from June 10, Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) said in a release on Sunday. Hence, loans linked to the MCLR system will become significantly cheaper.

Nearly 45 lakh students fill online forms for CUCET-2020

Nearly 1.45 lakh students have successfully filled their online application form for various Integrated/UG, Post Graduate, and RP programmes. Central University of Rajasthan is the coordinating university for organising Central Universities Common Entrance Test (CUCET-2020) for admission in 14 central and four state universities. There are 70 Integrated/UG, 344 Post Graduate and 271 Research Programmes in all Universities.

Vedanta's Lanjigarh facility puts in place robust Covid-19 preventive measures

Vedanta's Alumina Refinery at Lanjigarh has intensified its precautionary measures against COVID-19 as per the guidelines of the Government and the health authorities, the company said. It has strengthened the enforcement of protocols for safeguarding employees and associate partners; entry into the plant premises is being highly regulated and the plant will soon also utilise the AarogyaSetu app for further strengthening the process.

Marcelo makes silent point

Real Madrid defender Marcelo took the knee after scoring against Eibar in Sunday's La Liga match, in a show of support for the Black Lives Matter movement. Real won 3-1. Tony Kroos and Sergio Ramos scored the other goals. Bigas got back one for Eibar.

SERVICE & RETURNS

A glance at how top singles players fared in 2018 & 2019...

PV SINDHU

2018 Best rank: 2 Lowest rank: 6

Won Worlds silver. Reached All England semis. Got to five finals but didn't win any.

2019 Best: 3 Lowest: 6

Became a world champ, a first for India. However, she also failed to get past early rounds on several occasions, including All England.

SAINA NEHWAL

2018 Best: 9 Lowest: 12

Reached Indonesia Masters finals, and beat PV Sindhu in CWG finals. But highlight of the year was reaching Denmark Open final after beating big names like Akane Yamaguchi and Nozomi Okuhara. But lost to Tai Tzu Ying in decider.

2019 Best: 8 Lowest: 11

Solid start again. Reached Malaysia Masters semis and won Indonesia Masters. But couldn't power on in later events. Suffered seven first-round defeats, leaving Olympic hopes in balance.

KIDAMBI SRIKANTH

2018 Best: 1 Lowest: 9

Was expected to kick on after claiming four Superseries titles in 2017. Became World No 1 but couldn't bring out A game. But he did reach semis of Malaysia and Denmark Open (both World Tour Super 750 events). Also won CWG silver.

2019 Best: 7 Lowest: 13

Reached India Open final, but had a below-average year otherwise. That left him in a tricky spot in terms of Olympic qualification.

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR SHUTTLERS

Irked by growing tendency of players to disregard protocols and take training lightly, BAI is in consultation with coaches for introducing stringent list of dos and don'ts

FLIPSIDE

INDRANEEL DAS

A sport that fetches medals at the Olympics, World Championships, Asian and Commonwealth Games and other international events of repute is expected be in fine fettle.Run smoothly and churning out individuals who master the world with pomp and gait — badminton is a sport in India that one can never get tired eulogising of.

Players like Saina Nehwal, PV Sindhu, K Srikanth and the ilk are protagonists of hundreds of astounding stories. Yes, along with the untiring chief national coach Pullela Gopichand.

Of late, the sport is mired in controversies. Lack of good results, skirmishes between players and coaches and 'indiscipline'. A few foreign coaches have left abruptly. There are reports of players skipping training with flimsy excuses or without the knowledge of a competent authority or the chief coach. Demands for personal trainers and coaches have increased.

And results since 2019 — except for PV Sindhu's World Championships gold, bronze for B Sai Praneeth and a breakthrough year for the doubles pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty — are hardly anything to celebrate. Suddenly, the focus is on the system or the lack of it.

The Covid-19 break has given the Badminton Association of India (BAI) think-tank to dissect the situation more closely. Indiscipline, they found, is the bane. Come July, BAI is set to introduce strict guidelines and a code of conduct for all associated with the game.

It is understood that this was the outcome of the Annual Calendar of Training and Competition meeting between BAI and the sports ministry last year, when uncomfortable questions started surfacing. Going by minutes of the meeting, BAI has assured that it would ensure "discipline with zero tolerance to indiscipline". Interesting points follow.

To speak of a few, "No unauthorised absence from national camps would be allowed... No one will be allowed entry into the camp... Leave of absence would be allowed only by prior permission of the head of the institute..."

The BAI then said that it would issue a document stating rules, responsibilities and duties of all campers in consultation with a committee consisting of BAI representatives, chief national coach, junior national coach and other eminent coaches.

It is understood that BAI wanted to wait until the Tokyo 2020 Olympics this year to introduce these guidelines. Since the Games has been postponed to next year, BAI thought it prudent to introduce the dos and don'ts next month. Not just players and officials, even foreign and Indian coaches would be made more accountable. Targets will be sought and given to players and coaches, evaluation would be made based on performances. A calendar would be finalised in advance in consultation with the chief coach. No last-minute withdrawals will be allowed. Playing for country would take precedence. Playing nationals would be mandatory for all players.

Those associated with the game believe the need of the hour is a proper system, not just rules. BAI should not let go off players without warning or action if they violate rules. The number of stars in badminton is increasing and without guidelines defining an individual's role, it will be difficult to enforce discipline and accountability.

They need to know what kind of privileges they (junior and seniors) enjoy. What kind of permission they require to leave a camp. There should not be a situation that you ask for a trainer because another player has got one. This, however, should not be restricted to players alone but others — selectors, technical officials and support staff. Instead of any knee-jerk reaction to an individual's attitude, the approach should be holistic and players/coaches should not feel it stifling. In the end, players, coaches, and technical officials should live in harmony to create something beautiful — a winning habit. That's what the BAI is expected to strive for.

STICKY POINTS

EXIT OF COACHES

The departure of high-profile coaches, including Korea's Kim Ji Hyun and Malaysia's Kim Tan Her had raised eyebrows. Under Hyun's watch, PV Sindhu had won a historic Worlds gold. Later, Hyun, who reportedly fell ill, said that nobody came to visit her at the hospital and called Sindhu "heartless". Doubles coach Her's exit (18 months before his contract) was also a big blow. Doubles coach Flandy Limpele also made an exit. He had talked about bad attitude from players.

AWARDS FURORE

There were names doing rounds for the prestigious sports awards recently. Like other federations, BAI too made a few nominations. HS Prannoy was livid as he found his name missing. It later emerged that BAI had reportedly left him out and Kidambi Srikanth on disciplinary grounds. Earlier this year, the two didn't play in Badminton Asia Championship semifinals, denting India's chances in the team event. They left for Barcelona before the event in Manila got over.

DAKAR RALLY

Strategy key after new rules: Santosh

ASHIM SUNAM @Bengaluru

AS soon as dates for Dakar Rally 2021 (January 3-15 in Saudi Arabia) were announced last week, safety measures started grabbing attention. These guidelines are not related to Covid-19. The event has often witnessed crashes, sometimes leading to death. Portugal's Paulo Goncalves and Dutchman Edwin Straver were the victims of the last edition.

For the 43rd edition, rider safety is given importance. The riders will receive aural warnings before they reach Level 2 and 3 difficult zones. They will also have to follow a speed limit of 90kmph in tricky sectors, which will be categorised as 'slow zones'. Airbag vests have also been made mandatory.

India's first Dakar Rally participant, CS Santosh feels strategies will be important now on. "With the new regulations in place, it's going to be different for the riders. This also means there will be more focus on race strategies. I think it will be interesting as teams with good strategies and riders aware of how to maintain the bike in good condition everyday, will probably end up winning the Dakar," said the member of Hero MotoSports Team Rally.

The riders will also have to get used to the tyre changes. New rules stipulate only a total of six rear tyres for the entire competition. Also, maintenance work will be prohibited during stops for refuelling.

It means riders will have to make sure they don't overwork their tyres. "It's a safety issue. The rider has to bring the bike in one piece. That we have to conserve our tyre means we cannot go as fast as we want. Riders have to be more cautious. Sometimes you might have to ride slowly. As a rider, it won't be only about speed. One will also have to learn to look after the tyres," added Santosh, who has been nominated for Arjuna award by Federation of Motor Sports Club of India.

CS Santosh

Santosh has not stayed away from his bike completely during the lockdown. He trained at his own Bigrock Dirtpark, an off-road training facility in the outskirts of the city. The 36-year-old is planning his preparations for events, including the PanAfrican Rally in September in Morocco.

"I still have time to be ready for Dakar. We plan to do some tests and races from Septem The lead-up to Dakar should be good. But it all depends on when the international borders open, when teams can fly out and all," concluded Santosh.

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INVITATION FOR TENDERS

(Through GoK e-Procurement Platform https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in)

Tenders are invited through GoK e-Procurement platform **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** by the Director, Indira Gandhi Institute of Child Health, Bangalore-560 029 from eligible tenderers for the following mentioned hereunder:

Sl. No.	Particular	EMD Rs.
1.	Supply of MANIKINS	35,000/-
2.	A) Supply of HNS Items	62,500/-
	B) Supply of Plumbing Items	12,500/-

Unit & Qty: **As per schedule Requirement**. Tender processing charges: **As per e-procurement website.** Period of Sale of Tender Document: **15-06-2020**. Last Date for sale of Tender Document: Sl.No. 1) **30-06-2020 upto 3.00 pm.** Sl.No. 2) **14-07-2020 upto 4.00 pm.** Pre Bid Meeting: Sl.No. 1) **24-06-2020 at 12.00 Noon.** Sl.No. 2) **29-06-2020 at 12.00 Noon.** Date and Time of Opening of Technical Bid: Sl.No. 1) **02-07-2020 at 3.00 pm.** Sl.No. 2) **15-07-2020 at 4.00 pm.** Sample Submission: Sl.No. 1) **01-07-2020 at 11.00 am.** Sl.No. 2) **16-07-2020 at 11.00 am.** Time and Date of Opening of Financial Bid: Sl.No. 2)**20.07.2020 at 4.00 pm.**

For further Details visit GOK e-procurement Website: **https://eproc.karanataka.gov.in** or contact e-procurement helpdesk on **080-25501216, 080-25501227**.

Sd/- Director
Indira Gandhi Institute of Child Health
Bangalore

DIPR/DDU/298/2020-21

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521

No. EEE/MWD/KGD/20-21/122-25 Date: 12.06.2020

NOTIFICATION

Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited has formulated a scheme under section 28 and clause (e) of section 18 of the Indian Electricity Supply Act 1948 and the scheme is herewith published in pursuance of section 29(2) of the said act and also under Indian Electricity Act 2003 section 67 to be read with 67(2), this notification is issued for information of the General Public.

Particulars of scheme are as here under

Name of the Work: Upgradation of 33/11kV sub-station to 2x8MVA, 66/11kV Substation at **Srimangala** and Consruction of Proposed 66kV radial SC line on DC towers from existing 66/33/11kV S/s at Ponnampete to Proposed 66/11kV S/S at Srimangala in Virajpete Taluk, Kodagu Disrict for a distance of 18.281 Kms.

Sailent Features: Reliability in power supply and to meet future laod growth in and around **Srimangala** & adjacent villages.

Areas Passing Through: Srinmangala, Shettigeri, T.Shettigeri, Tavalageri, Belluru, Tuchmanakeri, Hudikeri, Nadikeri, Kirguru, Mutthuru, Ponnampete limits.

Approximate length line: 18.281 Kms.

Approximate Cost: Rs.1796.77 Lakhs.

KPTCL shall have and exercise all powers under the section 164 of Indian Electricity Act 2003 read with para (iii) of the Indian Telegraph act 1885 (10 to 19 & 19A of 1885) for implementation of the above said scheme. Any objection regarding the above scheme shall be sent to the under signed office within **One month** from the date of Publication of this notification for consideration by Corporation.

Sd/- **Executive Engineer (Elec.),**
Kodagu Major Works Division, KPTCL, N.R. Mohalla, Mysuru.

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TENDER NOTICE
Tender Notice No.04 / 2020-21 / SDO / Dated : 12.06.2020.

For and on behalf of Governor of Tamilnadu, percentage tender through online only will be received upto **20.07.2020 - 11.00** hours by the Superintending Engineer (H) NABARD and Rural Roads Salem Circle **Package No.26 to 39 in Coimbatore Division** under Upgradation of Panchayat Union Roads / Panchayat Roads to Other District Roads - FY 2020-21 pertaining **Coimbatore** (H) NABARD & Rural Roads Division.

Details of works, approximate value of works, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details are available from the Government web site **http://tntenders.gov.in.** If any changes / Corrections etc in the tender, it will be published on the above website(s) only.

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (H)
NABARD AND RURAL ROADS CIRCLE, SALEM-1.

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THE ODISHA STATE POLICE HOUSING & WELFARE CORPORATION LTD.
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TENDER CALL NOTICE
CAO-171
BID REFERENCE No:-03/JM/ELECT/OPHWC/2020-21

1	The Joint Manager, Electrical Division (OSPH&WC), Odisha, Bhubaneswar invites bids in single cover system for the works as detailed below:		
2.	Name of work	:	Execution of Comprehensive Annual Maintenance Contract for:- (I) different ratings Window & Split Air conditioner, Voltage Stabilisers & Storage Water Coolers installed at State Guest House, Bhubaneswar and Corporate Office & Annex building of O.S.P.H.& W.C., BBSR. (II) Fire Fighting System installed at Corporate office & Annex building of O.S.P.H. & W.C., BBSR (III) Close Circuit Camera System installed at State Guest House, BBSR (iv) EPABX System installed State Guest House, BBSR
3.	No. of Work	:	4 Nos.
4.	EMD & Bid Cost	:	(As per column 3 & 4 of the IFB)
5.	Eligibility Criteria	:	Authorised Dealers or their Authorised Service Providers having minimum 03 (Three) years experience in Service / Maintenance of the mentioned items in any Govt. Depts. / Central Govt. Depts / Govt. Undertakings.
6.	Availability of Bid Documents in the website www.ophwc.nic.in	:	Dt. 18.06.2020 to Dt. 29.06.2002 up to 5.00 P.M.
7.	Last date / time of Receipt of Bids	:	Dt. 30.06.2020 upto 12.30 P.M.
8.	Date of Opening Bid	:	Dt. 30.06.2020 at 03.30 P.M.
9.	Further details can be seen from the website www.ophwc.nic.in. Any addendum / corrigendum of tender can also be seen in the said website.		

Sd/- Joint Manager (Electrical), OSPH&WC, Bhubaneswar
OPR-12025/11/0011/2021

CENTRAL ORGANISATION FOR RAILWAY ELECTRIFICATION
1, Nawab Yusuf Road, Civil Lines, Prayagraj-211001

TENDER NOTICE CORE-HQ-ELECTRICAL/CORE

Tender No.: ELCOREOHETSS-GR-287B-338M **Closing Date/Time: 13.07.2020, 15.00**

CAO/RE acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders against Tender No **ELCOREOHETSS-GR-287B-338M** closing date **13.07.2020 15:00**. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids upto closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards tender document cost and earnest money **only through online payment modes** available on IREPS portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through Demand draft, Banker's cheque, Deposit receipts, FDR etc. are not allowed.
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Name of Work: "Design, Supply, Erection, Testing & Commissioning of 25 kV, 50 Hz, Single Phase, AC, Electrification Works including OHE & TSS as Composite Electrical Work" in Bathinda (Excl.) - Firozpur Cantt (Incl.) including Kotapura Siding and Hisar (Excl.) - Suratpura (Excl.) sections, Gr.287-B & 338 of Firozpur and Bikaner Divisions of Northern and North Western Railway, under RE Project Ambala, Total 150.35 RKM/200.50 TKM.

Bidding Type	Normal Tender		
Tender Type	Open	Bidding System	Two Packet
Tender Closing Date Time	13.07.2020 15.00	Date Time of Uploading Tender	12.06.2020 18.57
Pre-Bid Conference Required	No	Pre-Bid Conference Date Time	Not Applicable
Advertised Value (₹)	492148513.97	Tendering Section	OHE
Bidding Style*	Single Rate for Each Schedule Item		
Earnest Money (₹)	2610800.00	Validity of Offer (Days)	60
Tender Doc. Cost (₹)	10000.00	Period of Completion	18 Months
Contract Type	Works	Contract Category	Expenditure
Bidding Start Date	29.06.2020	Are Joint Venture (JV) firms allowed to bid	Yes
Ranking Order For	Lowest to Highest	Expenditure Type	Capital (Works)
IPAS Accounting Unit	5201-ALLAHABAD RAILWAY ELECTRIFICATION		

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No.: CWWB/A&A.Sec/FDs/CR-04/2019-20 Date : 15-06-2020

INVITING SEALED QUOTATIONS

Karnataka Building and Other Construction Workers' Welfare Board is having its surplus cess fund as of **15-06-2020** amounting to **Rs. 4020/- Crore (Rs. Four Thousand Twenty Crore only)** (approximately). The Board intends to invest the said amount in Fixed Deposit (Non-Callable) for one year in Nationalized Banks in Bangalore. Hence, sealed quotations are hereby invited to quote competitive rates of interest from the Nationalized Banks. The period of validity shall be indicated for the said quotations.

Conditions :

1. The sealed quotations should reach the office of the **Secretary, Karnataka Building and Other Construction Workers' Welfare Board**, Bangalore, ITI Campus, near Dairy Circle, Bannerghatta Road, Bangalore- 29, **on or before 23.06.2020 at 5.00 PM.**
2. The sealed quotation will be opened on **24.06.2020 at 11.30 AM.** No separate notice will be issued for opening of sealed covers.

DIPR/DDU/302/2020-21 **Sd/- Secretary**

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, Rajarajeshwari Nagara Division, BBMP Office,
Near Chowdeshwari Bus Stop, Mathikere, Bangalore-560054

No.EE/RRND/TEND/02/2020-21 DATE : 10.06.2020

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (IFT)

(Only Through GOK e-Procurement Portal) (Standard Tender Document- KW 1,2 & 3)

The Executive Engineer, Rajarajeshwari Division, Bangalore invites item rate tenders from eligible Contractors registered in Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike/ KPWD / CPWD / Railways/ MES / any State Organisation for the following works.

SL No.	Ward Nos.	Estimated Cost (In Lakhs)	EMD (In Rupees)	Category	No. of Works
1	16	15.00 to 30.00	5,000.00 to 60,000.00	Others	12
2	16	30.00 to 50.00	30,000.00 to 50,000.00	SC	2
3	17	5.00 to 15.00	12,500.00 to 37,500.00	Others	4
4	17	15.00 to 50.00	18,750.00 to 50,000.00	SC	3
5	37	10.00 to 20.00	25,000.00 to 50,000.00	Others	5
6	37	10.00	12,500.00	SC	1
7	37	5.00	6,250.00	ST	1
8	38	10.00 to 35.00	25,000.00 to 70,000.00	Others	8
9	38	10.00	12,500.00	SC	1
10	69	40.00 to 45.00	80,000.00 to 90,000.00	Others	2
11	69	15.00 to 30.00	18,750.00 to 30,000.00	SC	2
12	73	15.00 to 40.00	37,500.00 to 80,000.00	Others	14
13	73	15.00 to 25.00	18,750.00 to 25,000.00	SC	2
14	73	15.00 to 40.00	18,750.00 to 40,000.00	ST	2
15	129	10.00 to 50.00	25,000.00 to 1,00,000.00	Others	17
16	129	5.00 to 50.00	6,250 to 50,000.00	SC	3
17	129	50.00	50,000.00	ST	1
18	160	10.00 to 50.00	25,000.00 to 1,00,000.00	Others	8
19	160	10.00 to 50.00	12,500.00 to 50,000.00	SC	6
20	160	5.00 to 50.00	6,250 to 50,000.00	ST	6
				Total No. of Works	100

(1) Downloading of Tender Documents from **18.06.2020 (2)** Last Date & Time for receipt of tenders within **04.07.2020 upto 4.00 P.M (3)** Date & Time for Opening Tender at **06.07.2020 at 4.00 PM**. Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours on working days or from website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Rajarajeshwari Nagara Division

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POSSESSION NOTICE

As per Rule 8(1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 and the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of SecurityInterest Act, 2002 (Act No 54 of 2002).

Whereas the Authorised Officer after statutory notice period **took symbolic possession** of the properties described below in exercise of the powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8.

The borrowers and guarantors in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the said property and any dealings with the said property will be subject to the charge of **Bank of Maharashtra, Indiranagar Branch** for the amount shown hereunder with interest, costs, charges, expenses etc. till the realization of the amount.

I. Name of Borrower and guarantors:

1. **C4C** Represented by Proprietor **Mr. K.M.Khader Khan,** No.434 B, Ground Floor, BDA Complex, 1st Stage, 2nd Block, HBR Layout, Bangalore 560043.
2. **K.M.Khader Khan (Proprietor: C4C),** 7/A, New No.881, 11th A Cross, HBR Layout, Bangalore-560043.
3. **Shaheen Sultana (Guarantor),** 7/A, New No.881, 11th A Cross, HBR Layout, Bangalore-560043.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

All the pieces and parcels of house on Site No.7/A, presently New No.881, forming a portion of old Assessment No.190, New No.191/1, and 191/2 (previously Byatrayanapura CMC Khata No.7 & 8/190/191/01/02, and presently BBMP Khata No.576/191/1.2, situated at Kacharkanahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore and presently coming under the jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, ward No.24, presently situated at 11th A cross, HBR Layout, Kacharkanahalli, Bangalore and forming a total area of 1000 Sq.Feet, and the same is **bounded as: East:** Road; **West:** Site No.2, New Site No.928; **North:** Site No.7/B, New Site No.880; **South:** Site No.6, New Site No.881/A.

Amount due to the Bank: Rs.80,67,911/- (Rupees Eighty Lakhs Sixty Seven Thousand Nine Hundred and Eleven Only) plus interest at contractual rate w.e.f. 12/06/2020.

Date of Demand Notice: 10/02/2020	Symbolic Possession taken on 12/06/2020
Date: 15.06.2020	Sd/- Authorised Officer
Place: Bangalore	Bank of Maharashtra, Bangalore

FORM A
PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT
[Under Regulation 6 of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (Insolvency Regulation Process For Corporate Persons) Regulations, 2016]
FOR THE ATTENTION OF CREDITORS OF
M/s Kapuyt Clothing Private Limited

	RELEVANT PARTICULARS	
1	Name of the Corporate Debtor	M/s Kapuyt Clothing Pvt Ltd
2	Date of Incorporation of Corporate Debtor	20/03/2015
3	Authority under which Corporate Debtor is Incorporated/ Registered	Registrar of Companies, Bangalore, Karnataka
4	Corporate Identity Number of Corporate Debtor	U17120KA2015PTC079397
5	Address of the Registered Office and Principal Office (if any) Of Corporate Debtor	No.22, 3rd Floor, International Airport Road (Bellary Main Road) above TVS Showroom, Ganganagar Bengaluru Bangalore
6	Insolvency Commencement Date in Respect of Corporate Debtor	02 June 2020 (As per order of NCLT dated02June, 2020 in Company Petition no CP (IB) No 340BB/2019 received on 10 June 2020)
7	Estimated Date of Closure of Insolvency Resolution Process	29 November 2020(180 days from the Insolvency Commencement date)
8	Name, and the Registration Number of Insolvency Professional acting as the Interim Resolution Professional	Ms Medha Kulkarni Practicing Chartered Accountant and Insolvency Professional Registration No: IBBI/IPA-001/IP-P00121/2017-2018/10263
9	Address and e-mail of the interim resolution professional, as registered with the board.	Address:- D 301, Admiralty Square, 13 Cross, 6 Main, Indiranagar, Bangalore 560068 Email medha1273@gmail.com
10	Address and e-mail to be used for correspondence with the interim resolution professional, if different from those given at sl.no .9	Not Applicable
11	Last date for submission of claims	16 June 2020 Note - A creditor who fails to submit claim within aforesaid date may submit the claim with proof to IRP in sr # 9 on or before 30 June 2020
12	Classes of Creditors , if any under clause (b) of sub- section (6A) of section 21, ascertained by the Interim Resolution Professional	Not Applicable
13	Names of Insolvency Professionals identified to act as Authorized Representative of creditors in a class. (Three names in each class)	Not Applicable
14	a) Relevant Forms and b) Details of authorized representatives are available at	a) Weblink: https: //www.ibbi.gov.in/home/downloads b) Not Applicable

1. Notice is hereby given that the National Company Law Tribunal, Bangalore Bench has ordered the commencement of a Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process of M/s Kapuyt Clothing Pvt Ltd on 2ndJune 2020 Via order CP (IB) No 340/BB/2020 dated 2nd June 2020.
2. The Creditors of the M/s Kapuyt Clothing Pvt Ltd are hereby called upon to submit a proof of their claims on or before 16 June 2020 to the Interim Resolution Professional at the address mentioned against item 9.
3. The Financial Creditors shall submit their proof of claims by electronic means only. The operational creditors, including workmen and employees, may submit the proof of claims by in person, by post or electronic means.
4. Submission of false or misleading proofs of claim shall attract penalties.

Sd/-
Date: 12 June, 2020. Ms Medha Kulkarni
Place : Bangalore Interim Resolution Professional

PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public are hereby notified that **Mr. George Varghese** S/o Mr. P. V. Varghese has lost original General power of attorney dated 13.07.1999, bearing document No.82/1999-2000, registered at the office of the sub-Registrar K. R. Puram, Bangalore executed by Firoz Ahmed Khan S/o Abdul Rahaman Khan in favour of Safi-Ur-Rahaman S/o Abdul Rahaman along with an affidavit pertaining to the Property bearing Site No.1, Katha No.105/1, Property No.45 (old) New No.44/1, Situated at Kowdenahalli Village, K.R. Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Measuring East to West 60 feet and North to South 60 feet and bounded on the **East by :** Road, **West by :** Site No.2, **North by :** Private Property and **South by :** 35 feet Road. In this regard, a police complaint dated 12.06.2020, was lodged by Mr. George Varghese S/o Mr. P. V. Varghese, with Bangalore City Police Station, Bangalore City vide lost report No. 074892/2020. If any person/s finds the said document kindly inform the advocate stated herein. If any person/s misuses the said document, the same is not binding on our client and they shall do so at their own risk.

C.K.V.K. LAW ASSOCIATES, Advocate,
Mr. VENKATESH CHANDRAN M.A., L.L.B,
No.235 (Old No.13), 9th Main, 4th Block, Hennur Cross, Kalyan Nagar Post, Bangalore-43.

DOCUMENTS LOST

I, Purushotham R. Patel S/o Late Ratansi B. Patel, residing at No. 13, 3rd Main Raod, 4th Cross, Chinnanna Layout, K.B. Sandra, R.T. Nagar, Bangalore-560 032 do hereby inform to the general public that I have purchased the property bearing Vacant Site No. 78, Jakkur Grama Panchayath No.61/2/78, situated at Agrahara Village, Yalahanka Hobli, Bangalore North (Taluk) measuring 30x40feet through sale deed from Syed Ajira W/o Abdul Bari Khan, residing at No. 12, 2nd A Cross, 4th Main, Kanakanagara, R.T. Nagar Post, Bangalore. The above said property vide its Document No. BNG(U)YLNK /6033/2002-2003, CD No. YNK.22, Dated 7.10.2002 and the said Original Sale Deed executed by previous owner M. Mariyappa S/o Munilakshmaiah to Smt. Syed Ajira has been lost on 12.06.2020 at Shampura Main Road, Bangalore. Inspite of best efforts I could not trace the same and in this regard I had lodged police complaint. If anybody finds the above said documents or is in possession, please hand over the same to the above said address or contact me on 9986650506.

PURUSHOTHAM R. PATEL

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that my client Mr. Ganeshwar S.L s/o. Late L. Surendra, aged about 42 years, r/o. No. 14, 2 nd Cross, Gopalappa Layout, Manoraya napalya, R.T.Nagar, Bengaluru-32, is the Original Owner of the Schedule Property situated at Austin Town, 2nd Stage, Bengaluru-47 under the registered Sale Deed dt: 6.5.2020 is morefully described in the schedule below and it is executed by BDA represented by its Joint Secretary on 07.05.2020 as Book No.1, document No. BDA-1-00010-2020-21; in CD No. BDAD 569; dated 07.05.2020; at the office of the Additional District Registrar, Bangalore Urban District. My Client intimate the General Public through this Public Notice that whoever misrepresenting on the below mentioned Schedule Property to the public to cheat for illegal monetary benefits. My Client further intimates the General Public through this Public Notice refrain themselves from entering into any nature of Agreements, Sale Deeds, Contracts, Gift, Lease, Inheritance, Exchange, Mortgage, Charge, Lien, Trust, Possession, Easement, Attachment or Any Understandings. My Client will not be responsible / liable for any loss or consequences to any one due to any illegal transaction.

SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTRY

All that Property comprising of land with multistoried 'A' type Flat bearing BDA No. A-886, in Austin Town, 2nd Stage, Bengaluru-560 047, measuring East to West 8.90 Meters, and North to South 8.35 Meters, totally measuring 74.31 Square Meter and bounded by:
East by : Flat No. A-887, West by : Road, North by : Flat No. A-885, South by : Main Road.

SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTRY

1/74.31 Square Meter undivided share and power, right, title, interest and ownership in 'A' Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE 'C' PROPERTRY

All that residential 'A' type Flat bearing BDA No. A-886, Austin Town, 2nd Stage Bengaluru, built in Schedule 'A' Property and the Flat measuring 74.31 Square Meter (Super Built-Up Area approximately in Second Floor) covered with passages, Lobbies, Staircases and other areas of common use. The Walls are built out of Bricks and Cement with Redoxide Flooring and RCC roofing and Honne-Mathi wood Doors and Window. It has electricity, water and sanitary connections. The Flat is bounded by: East by : Flat No. A-887, West by : Road, North by : Flat No. A-885, South by : Main Road.

MAHENDRA KUMAR K, Advocate
No.199/B, 1st Floor, 56th Cross, 10th Main, 4th Block, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru – 560010

FORM NO. URC-2
Advertisement giving notice about registration under Part I of Chapter XXI of the Act
[Pursuant to section 374(b) of the Companies Act, 2013 and rule 4 (1) of the Companies (Authorised to Register) Rules, 2014]

1. Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of sub section (2) of section 366 of the Companies Act, 2013, an application is proposed to be made after fifteen days hereof but before the expiry of thirty days hereinafter to the Registrar at Bangalore that Top Rung Golf LLP may be registered under part I of Chapter XXI of the Companies Act, 2013, as a Company limited by shares.
2. The Principal objects of the Company are as follows:
   a. To carry on the business of providing services related to the game of golf, including conducting golf camps and tournaments, providing coaching and training services and securing and providing sponsorships for tournaments, camps, sessions and individuals and marketing and retailing of golf equipment and accessories in India or elsewhere in the world;
   b. To manage and administer a golf training academy;
   c. To purchase and sell certain golf accessories to the academy students and their family and friends. The golf accessories will include golf sets, golf balls, gloves, etc. This is to ensure and facilitate convenience/ cost reduction and ensure quality control in respect of such accessories when sold the students of the academy;
   d. To sell the branded merchandise of the academy; and
   e. To pursue any other business activities permitted by law and in compliance with the provisions of the Act.
3. A copy of the draft memorandum and articles of association of the proposed company may be inspected at the office at No. 1075, 10th Main, 5th Cross, Near Ambedkar College, HAL 2nd Stage, Indirnagar, Bangalore – 560008, Karnataka, India.
4. Notice hereby given that any person objecting to this application may communicate their objection in writing to the Registrar at Central Registration Centre (CRC), Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA), Plot No. 6,7,8, Sector 5, IMT Manesar, District Gurgaon (Haryana), Pin Code – 122050, within twenty-one days from the date of publication of this notice, with a copy to the proposed Company at its registered office.

For **Top Rung Golf LLP**
Date: 12.06.2020 Vakharia Rokhsar Dinshaw
Place: Bangalore (Designated Partner, DPIN: 07546669)

CLASSIFIEDS

PUBLIC NOTICE
CHANGE OF NAME

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Sugitha Sowdeeswari, Spouse of Ravikumar K, aged 47 years, R/at No. 16, 2nd Cross, 1st Main, Sowdhamini Layout, Konanakunte, Bangalore-560062 have changed my name to **SUGITHA RAVIKUMAR** vide affidavit dated 15/06/2020 sworn before notary H.G. Padmanabha Rao, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **POORNIMA C.H., W/o Sri. Naveen K.,** residing at No. 204, 11th Cross, 2nd Stage, 1st Phase, 29th Main, BTM Layout, Bangalore - 560 076, have changed my name as **POORNIMA NAVEEN** vide affidavit dated 13-06-2020 before Notary Public **H.S. DHARMA PRASAD,** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **JUPALLI PRASHANTI,** W/o. **Balaji Jaichandar,** R/at No. 355, 1st 'C' Cross, 8th Block, Koramangala, Bengaluru - 560095 have changed my name to **PRASHANTHI RAO YACHAMANENI** vide affidavit dated 15/06/2020 Before Notary **A. Niveditha,** Ramanagara District.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **FARJANA BAI YAHYA LODHA,** R/at No. 263, 5th Cross, Tippu Sulthan Sangharsha Samithi, Gangondanahalli, Nayandahalli, Bengaluru - 560039, have changed my name to **FARZANA YAHYA LODHA** vide affidavit dated 15/06/2020 Before Notary **H.S. Sakalesh Aradhya,** Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **ABHISEK KUMAR SINGH** S/o. Manoj Kumar Singh R/a #202, 2nd Floor, Mathrusree Silver Arcade, 4th Cross, Virgonagar Post, Medahalli, K.R.Puram, Bangalore - 560 049 Have Changed My Name From **ABHISEK KUMAR SINGH** to **ABHISHEK KUMAR SINGH** Vide Affidavit Dated: 05 Jun 2020 Sworn Before Notary AR Muneer Ahmed Bangaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **VEERAPPA UKKALI,** S/o Prabhappa Ukkali, R/at No. 19/6, Hosmani Chawl VTC, Bailhongala Rural, Belagavi-591102, Karnataka do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **KIRAN P** to **VEERPPA UKKALI,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **VEERAPPA UKKALI** only for all practical purposes, vide affidavit dated 15-06-2020 sworn before Advocate and Notary **L. Gopalakrishna,** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **PURNIMA .G,** D/o Smt. Rajarajeshwari G and Shri Gangadhar .N, aged about 33 years, R/at No. 17/A, 8th Main, Near Food World, Sadashivanagar, Bangalore-80 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **POORNIMA .G** to **PURNIMA G.,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **PURNIMA G.,** only for all practical purposes, vide affidavit dated 11-06-2020, sworn before Advocate and Notary **K. VENKATA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) SYED THAMEEM S A,** Residing at No. 518/D, 4th Main, 4th Cross, 4th Stage, HBR layout, Bangalore-560043, have changed my name to **(NEW NAME) SYED THAMEEM** vide affidavit Dated 11/06/2020 sworn before Notary M.K.Devaki, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, BINDU DEVI YADAV, W/o No. 14832883A, SEP/MT, DHARMESH YADAV, R/at Saraiya, Sadat, Sadat, Jakhaniyan, Ghazipur -275204, Uttar Pradesh, shall henceforth be known as **BINDU DEVI,** vide affidavit dated: 15.06.2020, before notary N K Lakshmana, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, JAYALAKSHMI, W/o No. 14836769A, SEP/MT, NAGARAJU KASIREDDI, R/at Vetajangalapalem, Vetajangalapalem, Anakapalle, Anakapalle, Visakhapatnam-531031, Andhra Pradesh, shall henceforth be known as **KASIREDDI JAYALAKSHMI,** vide affidavit dated: 15.06.2020, before notary N K Lakshmana, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, RAMU LAMMA, M/o No. 14836769A, SEP/MT, NAGARAJU KASIREDDI, R/at Vetajangalapalem, Vetajangalapalem, Anakapalle, Anakapalle, Visakhapatnam-531031, Andhra Pradesh, shall henceforth be known as **KASIREDDI RAMULAMMA,** vide affidavit dated: 15.06.2020, before notary N K Lakshmana, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, MUBEENA BEGUM, Resident of Kondashettihalli Village, Tekal Hobli, Malur Taluk, Kolar District - 563137, have changed name from **MUBINA BEGUM** to **MUBEENA BEGUM** vide affidavit Dated 12/06/2020 sworn before Notary H.S.Sakalesh Aradhya, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
We, Yogesh Rao More & Parvathi G, Hindu Majors, Residing at No.221, First Floor, Sapthagiri Residency, Mutturaya Nagar, Mysore Road, Bangalore-560059. We have changed our son's name from **"NAKSHA Y MORE"** to **"MOKSHITH RAO MORE", (New Name),** vide affidavit dated: 20.05.2020 Sworn before Notary H.G.Padmanabha Rao, Advocate & Notary Public, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, V.K. Raj Kumar, S/o. V.K. Pani, Aged about 76 years, at present r/at No.33,1st Ward, J.C.Extension, Opp. Junior College,Vijayapura, Bangalore-562135 has changed my name to **ABDULLAH** vide affidavit dt:10/6/2020 sworn before Prakash. C, Advocate & Notary, Bangalore .

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **"SHABANA SYED",** aged about 56 years, W/o. Sri Syed Abdul Samad, residing at Flat No.D-401, Siroya Sunshine Apartments, KHB Main Road, Manorayanapalya, RT Nagar Post, Bangalore -560 032, has changed my name to **"SHABANA PARVEEN"** vide affidavit dt:10.06.2020, sworn before Sri Y.R.Chandrashekhar, Advocate & Notary, Bangalore-560 032.

Change of name
I, **SHAZAMA MUJEER,** W/o. Mujeer Ahmed Khan, R/at. No.2, 2nd Floor, Victoria Layout, 4th Cross, Viveknagar, Bangalore-560047, have changed my name from **SHAZAMA MUJEER ALIAS NOORIE** to **SHAZAMA MUJEER,** vide affidavit dated 15.06.2020 sworn to before notary Prakash.C, Bengaluru-560079.

Change of name
I, **CHRISTINA J. MARK,** W/o. Shiva kumar M.S, R/at. No.139-5, 4th 'A' Cross, P.N.T. Ashirwad Colony, Horamavu, Bangalore -560043. have changed my name from **MAANISHAA** to **CHRISTINA J. MARK,** vide affidavit dated 15.06.2020 sworn to before notary Prakash.C Bengaluru-560079.

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LEGAL AND RECOVERY DEPARTMENT

1. M/S Aditya Enterprises, Represented by its Proprietor:- Mr.Shivaprasad V N
#33, 16th Cross, Pipeline Road, Mallasandra, BHEL Mini Colony, T Dasarahalli Post, Bengaluru-560057.

2) Mr.Shivaprasad V N S/o Narayanan K,

3) Mrs. Asha Shivan W/o Shivaprasad V N

Both 2 & 3 are residing at:
No.32, Anjanadri Nilaya, Pipeline Road, Mallasandra, T Dasarahalli Post, Bengaluru-560057.

The **PSOD A/c No.1157000600016201 dt.25.08.2019** for **₹ 30,00,00,000.00** availed by **1) M/s Adithya Enterprises a proprietory concern represented by its Proprietor Mr.Shivaprasad V N & Mrs.Asha Shivan** are the Borrowers has been classified as Non Performing Asset on **27.08.2018** and that action under SARFAESI Act has been initiated by issuing a detailed **Demand Notice** under Section 13(2)&(3) of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 by the Authorised officer of the Bank on **12.03.2020** to the parties concerned. The said Demand Notice sent by speed post with acknowledgements to you **M/s Aditya Enterprises a proprietory concern, represented by you Mr.Shivaprasad V N & Mrs. Asha** has been returned undelivered. Hence, we have published the contents of the Demand Notice by way of this Notice by observing the procedures laid down in the SARFAESI Act 2002. The balance as on **10.03.2020** is **₹33,24,045.92** under **PSOD A/c No. 1157000600016201** with future rate of interest **@ 11.60%** compounded monthly with effect from **01.03.2020.** You are called upon to pay the same within **60 days** from the date of this paper publication.

Brief description of mortgaged property (secured asset)

All the piece & parcel of Residential Property measuring 5.50 cents (2.23 ares), with building constructed thereon, bearing H No.10/50/E, Resurvey No.141/20-3-2, situated at Mannanchery Grama Panchayat, Komalapuram Village, Vattakeriyal, South Aryad, Avalookunnu, Kerala.

Please note that I, the Authorised officer of the secured creditor Bank intend to enforce the aforesaid security in the event of failure to discharge your liabilities in full on or before the expiry of 60 days from the date of this publication.

Place: Mangaluru **Sd/- Chief Manager &Authorised Officer**
Date: 12.06.2020 **For Karnataka Bank Ltd.**

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Website:www.karnatakabank.com
CIN:L85110KA1924PLC001128

POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)

Whereas, the Authorised Officer of **KARNATAKA BANK LIMITED,** under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated **09.03.2020** calling upon the borrowers/mortgagors guarantors **(1) Mr. Jayarama S (2) Mrs. Kavya Kantharaju (3) Mr.Kantharaju K All are residing at: No.347, 8th Cross, 1st Main Road, BSK 3rd Stage BDA Layout, Avalahalli, Bengaluru-560085** to repay an amount mentioned in the notice being **₹28,70,406.00 [Rupees Twenty Eight Lakhs Seventy Thousand Four Hundred and Six Only]** under **Term Loan A/c No.0607001610300101** along with future interest from **21.02.2020** within **60** days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers, the mortgagors and the guarantor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers, the mortgagors and the guarantor and the public in general **that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below** in exercise of the powers conferred on him under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 and 9 of the said Rules on the **11th day of June - 2020.**

The borrowers, the mortgagors and the guarantor in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property mentioned herein below and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **Karnataka Bank Ltd., K G Road Branch, Bengaluru** for an amount of **₹29,07,198.00** under **TL A/c No.0607001610300101** along with future interest from **21.05.2020** plus costs.

[The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.]

Description of the Immovable Property

All that piece & parcel of Rsidential property measuring 1500 sq ft along with four storied building constructed thereon, bearing BDA site No.347, PID No.54-173-347, New Ward No.162 situated at Avalahalli Extension 8th Cross 1st Main, BSK 3rd Stage, Bengaluru belonging to Late Shobha Jayram & Mrs Kavya Kantharaju. Boundaries of Property: East by: Road (8th Cross Road), **West by:** Property No.368, **North by:** House No.348, **South by:** Property No.346..

Place: Bengaluru **Sd/-**
Date: 11.06.2020 **Chief Manager & Authorised Officer**
Karnataka Bank Ltd.,

PUBLIC NOTICE

All the General Public is hereby informed that, Ramu K S/o. Late Muniyappa, residing at 3rd Cross, 2nd Main, Bairaveshwaranagar, Sunkadakatte, Bangalore was the absolute owner of Schedule Property, having acquired the same from Vijayalakshmi through Sale Deed dated 19-09-2016 Doc No. 4394/2016-17, Book No.I, stored in CD No. PNYD 647 at Peenya SRO.

Since the **Original Sale Deed Dt 28-01-2005, Registered as Doc No. 47232/2004-05, Book No.I stored in CD No.BLND 113 at Bangalore North Taluk SRO.** in respect of the Schedule Property was lost by my Client during shifting of his residence. This public notice is issued, as it is a legal & mandatory requirement. My Client has already given police complaint in this regard, So, the general public are hereby requested that, if any person gets the above mentioned original Sale Deed dated 28-01-2005, the same can be handed over to the undersigned or to my client directly and oblige.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No.20, in Assessment No.62, Katha No.20 measuring EW : 36 ft and NS : 15 ft totally 540 sq ft, situated at Sheegehalli Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk and bounded on the :- East by: Private Property, West by : Road, North by : Site No.19, South by : Site No.21.

SHRIDHARA MURTHY, Advocate
No.79/80, 1st Floor, Kothanur Dinne Main Road, Oppt to Bigbazar, JPO Nagar 7th Phase, Bangalore – 560078

PUBLIC NOTICE

TO WHOMSOEVER IT MAY CONCERN

My client Mrs.Rajyalakshmi, aged 63 years, D/o Late S.Ramalingeshwar Rao, residing at No.G-1, Brigade Lavella Apartments, Lavella Road, 7th Cross, Bangalore-560 001, had appointed and constituted Mr.V.DAYANANDA REDDY, aged 55 years, Son of Mr.V.Subba Reddy, residing at No.523/A, 19th Main, Service Road, Sector-3, H.S.R. Layout, Bangalore-560 102, as her power of attorney holder in respect of the schedule mentioned property by executing a registered General Power of Attorney, dated:06.10.2017, which is registered as Document No.INR-4-00384-2017-18, in Book-4, and recorded in C.D No.INRD200, dated: 06.10.2017, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Indiranagar, Bangalore. My client has revoked, cancelled and terminated the aforesaid general power of attorney as the aforesaid attorney has misused the powers granted in the GPA by committing certain mischievous acts which are detrimental to the absolute rights of my client over the schedule property. My client has already communicated and intimated the fact of cancellation of the general power of attorney to Mr.V.DAYANANDA REDDY.

By this publication Mr.V.DAYANANDA REDDY is once again notified and informed that the general power of attorney dated:06-10-2017 is revoked, terminated and cancelled by my client and you are hereby called upon to forthwith stop acting in any manner whatsoever as the General Power of Attorney holder of my client in respect of the Schedule Property. The general public are also hereby cautioned not to enter into any agreement, contract, understanding or arrangements whatsoever with Mr.V.DAYANANDA REDDY. in respect of the schedule property.

:SCHEDULE PROPERTY:

All that piece and parcel of converted land bearing Sy.No.54/2 (Old Sy.No.54), measuring an extent of 1 Acre 03.08 Guntas (duly converted from Agricultural to Non-Agricultural Purpose vide Conversion Order bearing ALN (E.V.H) SR: 317/2008-09, dated: 23.07.2009 issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore) situated at MULLUR VILLAGE, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, and bounded on

EAST BY : Land bearing Sy No.55
WEST BY : Land bearing Sy No.51
NORTH BY : Land bearing Sy No.57
SOUTH BY : Land bearing Sy No.54 Re Sy No.54/1

H.S. SOMNATH, Advocate
No.SF-3, 2nd Floor, "Sampurna Chambers" No.13, Vasavi Temple Road, V.V.Puram, Bangalore-04, Mob: 9845276908

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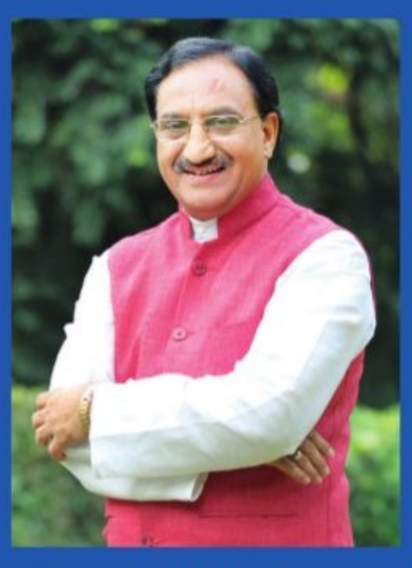

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DAY'S DIARY

Movie premiere

On this day in 1960, Alfred Hitchcock's legendary movie *Psycho* had its world premiere at the DeMille Theatre in New York City

BASED ON A BOOK

The psychological horror film was written by Joseph Stefano, and was based on the 1959 novel of the same name by Robert Bloch. It stars Anthony Perkins, Janet Leigh, Vera Miles and Martin Balsam

A FORTUNE

Paramount Pictures gave Hitchcock a small budget to work with, because of their distaste with the source material. When it became a sleeper hit, Hitchcock made a fortune

A PROMISE

When the cast and crew began work, they had to raise their right hands and promise not to divulge one word of the story. Hitchcock also withheld the ending from his cast until he needed to shoot it

A NEW CHAPTER

Back in the day: Established in 1960, the British Council's first home in Bengaluru was above Koshy's on St Marks Road, before it moved to Kasturba Road in the 2000s. R Natarajan, who was the assistant librarian from 1988 to 1998, remembers the space being filled with a 1,000 visitors on Saturdays. Jyoti Makhija, who was part of the library's staff for 27 years, says the space was most popular with students pursuing medicine, management and literature. "People even came to read British newspapers," says Makhija. Its many visitors also include Prince Charles, who inaugurated the revamped space in 1991. No stranger to renovation, the library underwent a makeover last year to appeal to new-age readers.

The British Council in Bengaluru is bidding adieu to its physical space, and will go completely digital. Old Bengalureans recall their memories of one of the city's most iconic reading spaces

• **Express Features**

Books by Enid Blyton, international magazines... If you asked any old Bengalurean where they got their literary fix, the answer would be the British Council. Now, the beloved book haven, which was established in 1960, is making a complete move to the virtual space by becoming a digital library. "Our physical centre in Bengaluru will become a computer-based testing centre for IELTS and other UK qualifications. The demand for UK examinations, including IELTS, continues to grow and this change will provide more young people with the opportunity to access internationally recognised qualifications as a route towards international mobility for work or study, and to improve their employability," says Antonius Raghubansie, Director Learning Services, British Council India. The library is also going online in Hyderabad, Pune, Ahmedabad and Chandigarh.

A seminar held in the '80s inside the reading hall, which used to be converted for such sittings on select evenings

For Prem Koshy, this move means bidding goodbye to a space his "childhood revolved around", especially given that the library was located above Koshy's on St Marks Road, before it relocated to Kasturba Road. "If I spent one hour working at the restaurant, I was given two hours of library time," recalls the third-generation keeper of Koshy's, who has been a visitor at the library since the age of five. "Koshy's and the library shared the same entrance so I would often open shop for both," says the 61-year-old, who owes the Council for his love for reading, memories of which are filled with Enid Blyton's books or magazines like *Woman And Home*.

Author Jahnavi Barua has similar fondness for the library, calling it an integral part of her reading life. For Ravi Menezes, who was on the verge of pulling down the shutters on his bookstore Goobe's Book Republic, the library not shutting down completely comes as some relief. In the past, Menezes has even bought 150 secondhand books for his store from the library's clearance sale and can't help but wonder what will happen to their current collection now. Mansoor Ali, who often featured the library as part of his Cubbon Park heritage walks, was shocked to hear the news. "It was one of the best libraries and I thought the pandemic had caused a return to reading," says Ali.

These books were our main source of information from the West. A bunch of us from Bishop Cotton Boys' School would spend our 'library time' together
— Prem Koshy, third-generation keeper of Koshy's

Wedding in the works

• **A Sharadhaa**

Shubha Poonja has found her match in Sumanth Billava, and their wedding is on the cards. While the couple is to get engaged in the coming days, the wedding is planned around November. The 22-film-old actor, who hails from Mangaluru, now settled in the city, rose to fame with her critically-acclaimed role in *Mogginna Manasu*. She has also established herself in the Tamil film fraternity. Wishes have been pouring in from across corners since she broke the news of her getting hitched.

Shubha met Sumanth last year, at a plantation drive, after which their friendship blossomed. "Initially, we started bonding over phone conversations, and it was only last October that we started meeting each other frequently. He stays near my house, and he is also a Mangalurean, and we realised that we have a liking for each other. I didn't want to waste time dating, and instead thought of marriage. I informed my mother about Sumanth who in turn spoke with him. He gave his nod, after which we decided to take forward our relationship forward," she says, adding, "It happened too soon, but for good."

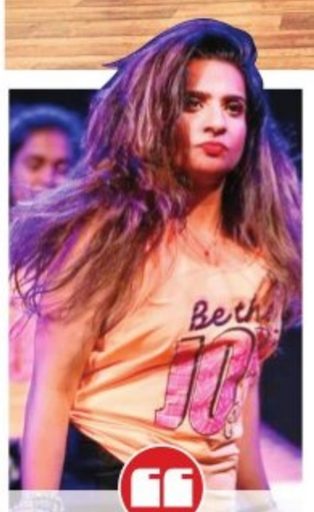
While the duo was waiting for the lockdown to end in order to commence the wedding preparations, they decided to go ahead with an official announcement in the meantime. "We are planning a simple wedding, and want to hold a reception by the end of this year, which is still being planned," she says.

Shubha views Sumanth as a responsible man and a family person. "This was something I observed when I conversed with his family members, and then decided that he is the one," says Shubha, who is happy that her film career isn't a limitation for Sumanth . "He likes movies, and is very supportive of my career. He wants me to continue acting. In fact, he has even been approached with a hero's role, but he is not interested," she adds.

Shubha was last seen in *Naragunda Bandaya*, which was released just a day before the lockdown came into effect. The actor is looking forward to the release of *Trivedi, which* will also be her first project as a part producer. She also has *Rhymes* directed by Ajith Kumar, which stars Ajith Jayaraj.

Sumanth Billava and Shubha Poonja

Little feet, big strides



Celebrity fitness expert Wanitha Ashok has started a pre-recorded session for kids

I've resumed with virtual classes. Kids love music and dance, so I let them pick their music for the day too
— Jenifer K Sharma, fitness instructor

• **Monika Monalisa**

With schools shut and worries about stepping out to playgrounds looming large, seven-year-old Pari Malik decided to the join her mom's zumba classes to get her daily dose of physical activity. Many children like Malik are showing in interest in fitness classes which have made experts introduce classes exclusively for the younger lot.

"When I used to go to school, there were many activities, including physical training sessions. Being at home, I hardly do anything. It's very boring," says Malik, a Class 2 student. Now, her days are not as mundane as they used to be during the lockdown. Instructor Jenifer K Sharma, who started virtual classes for kids after noticing their enthusiasm, initially started them for adults, and later modified it for kids. This further pushed her to start exclusive classes for children. "I used to take classes for children too, but stopped due to the lockdown. Now I've resumed with virtual classes. Kids love music and dance, so I let them pick their music for the day too," says Sharma whose classes have close to 35 children. The sessions, mostly on weekends, run for 40 minutes, which include water breaks.

Jason Demark, choreographer and fitness enthusiast says he decided to come up with a second session of his zumba classes for kids starting from July, after he got a good response from his first session. "I have always taken classes for adults but was not sure about how the online classes would work out, especially for children. But I got 20 registrations for my first session which happened between April-May," says Demark. He further added, "I do something called Zumbini, a genre of zumba designed for children , which combines music, dance and educational tools for 45 minutes."

In addition to live classes, pre-recorded sessions are also being held which can be accessed at any time. Celebrity fitness expert, Wanitha Ashok, who also runs a similar session for kids, says, "I don't want to restrict myself or the children to a particular timing or leave them at the of mercy of the connectivity of internet. So for my session, which is three days a week, I send them a video each day, with activities and cardio workouts. They can follow that at any time of the day."

PASTA PERFECT

Made with love

• **Simran Ahuja**

Vaishnavi Biyani nearly had a breakdown when she lost her job due to the ongoing pandemic. Having found out in April, the 23-year-old former community associate spent the next few weeks furiously applying to jobs but to no avail. "That was when my friend suggested I start my own food business since I loved culinary arts so much," says Biyani, who has now set up Con Amore (Italian for 'with love'), a venture that has her making homemade preservative-free artisanal pasta. While her love for food has been a long standing affair, Biyani's tryst with pasta making, surprisingly, is new. "It was quite spontaneous. My friend shared a post about pasta making and overnight, I decided to launch this," says the youngster, who now dispatches 4-5 orders a day, amounting to anywhere between ₹2,000 to ₹2,500.

While the plan was to eventually move fields and open a cafe in December this year, Biyani decided to go with the flow and take the plunge a little early. "But this was a good time to start, since people would crave good but affordable restaurant quality food at home," she says. Biyani ensures this through various means – coloured fettucini and ravioli makes the meal more appealing and no preservatives makes it healthier (the colours are obtained through natural food dyes like turmeric, red peppers, carrots, purple cabbage and spinach). "It also takes only 2-3 minutes to cook, as opposed to the 15 minutes of boiling packaged pasta takes," she says, adding that 12 pieces of ravioli retails for ₹300.

Since she began last month, the venture has been nothing but a daily adventure – one that is filled with many lessons for Biyani. Calling her first week with the venture unorganised, Biyani recalls how she slept only four hours a night. "I was new to the process. All the dough kneading and sheet rolling was done by me," she says, adding that sore arms and red palms were a regular feature during those days. Having now invested in a stand mixer and a pasta machine, she has a easier time and is enjoying the work as well. "It feels less like a job and there's a lot more satisfaction. On my second day I was close to quitting because of the exhaustion. But a customer told me she loved the pasta and some days later, she placed an order again. And I knew this would be worth it," says Biyani, who will soon introduce a three-hour slow-cooked pasta sauce as well.

I was new to the process. All the dough kneading and pasta sheet rolling was done by me
— Vaishnavi Biyani, owner, Con Amore

SPACE WATCH

THE HUNTER

Orion the Hunter is probably the easiest to pick out of all the constellations in the Northern Hemisphere's sky. It's identifiable by Orion's Belt, three medium-bright stars in a short, straight row at the mid-section of the Hunter. Pick out any three equally bright stars in a row, and you'll probably be looking at Orion. Want to be sure? There are two even brighter stars — one reddish and the other blue — on either side of the Belt stars. As seen from mid-northern latitudes, you'll find Orion in the southeast at early evening and shining high in the south by mid-evening (around 9 pm local time). If you live at temperate latitudes south of the equator, you'll see Orion high in your northern sky at this hour. Notice the two brightest stars in Orion, Betelgeuse and Rigel. Rigel's distance is estimated to be 773 light-years. The distance to Betelgeuse has been harder to determine. It's currently estimated to be about 724 light-years away, but uncertainties remain.

Source: Earthsky.org

BRIGHT SPOT

LIFE COMES A FULL CIRCLE

After a fire in 1983, Deirdre Taylor's family moved away from New York. Deirdre, who was four years old then, was caught amid flames. She was rescued by a fire fighter. For 37 years, she always had the urge to meet him. Cut to 2020, Deirdre is a nurse and lives with her husband and children in Virginia. When the pandemic hit and she went to New York to help the patients, she came across the man who saved her life — Eugene Pugliese Jr. A group of fire fighters had come to the hospital she was working in to thank healthcare workers and she shared her story and newspaper clipping with them and they put her in touch with the now 75-year-old. They have promised to meet each other soon after the virus scare ends.

Source: goodnewsnetwork.org

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POPULAR ON YOUTUBE

ADYAKSHA
Chandru and Aishwarya are classmates and often help each other sail through difficult times. Matters, however, get tricky when they end up falling in love with each other.
- Cast: Sharan, Hebah Patel

GOOGLY
Sharath and Swati are two youngsters who fall in love but are unable to stay together due to misunderstandings. They then drift apart, only to be brought face-to-face again after after two years, when they meet at a friend's wedding.
- Cast: Yash, Kriti Kharbanda, Anant Nag

ERADANE SALA
A widow asks her son to maintain his distance from a girl who will be living with them. He tries to do so but ends up falling in love with her.
- Cast: Dhananjay, Sangeetha Bhat, Lakshmi

PADAYAPPA
Padayappa's family is humiliated by an uncle and forced to leave their home. After working hard, Padayappa restores his family's honour, but old enmities and a jealous woman continue to stir problems.
- Cast: Rajnikanth, Soundarya, Ramya Krishnan

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Bill Eckstrom talks about getting comfortable with discomfort. It wasn't until he got the jolt to his career path that he was able to find his true calling — and he's here to tell you what you can do to change your life today.

FIT BIT

URDHVA KUKKUTASANA
(UPWARD ROOSTER POSE)

In Sanskrit, 'Urdhva' means 'upward,' 'Kukkut' means 'rooster' and 'Asana' means 'pose'. This asana is also called Padma Bakasana. This pose is mentioned in Hatha Yoga Pradeepika and Gheranda Samhita. It improves body balance and is an important pose for shoulders, arms and elbows. It is an advanced posture which needs training the mind. It takes a lot more than strength and flexibility to do this posture.

STEPS
- To begin this asana, sit in Padmasana or cross-legged pose.
- Now place hands on the floor in front of you. Spread the fingers, pointing index fingers forward.
- Round your upper back as if it is pressing the spine between shoulder blades. Spread them wide.
- Slowly pull yourself up. Once your knees come close to your shoulder, allow hips to settle so that thighs are parallel to the floor.
- Keep pulling feet up into navel, and sustain a sense of floating.
- Lift the head, and gaze forward (or down).
- Each time you inhale, sustain the engagement of abdomen and the coiling action of spine.
- Each time you exhale, wrap the lotus pose a little tighter, press hands even more strongly into the floor, and try not to drop weight into knees.
- Hold the posture for 5-10 breaths.
- To exit the posture, begin exhaling and allow knees to slide back down with straightened arms.

BENEFITS
- Don't practise this asana during pregnancy.
- Those with carpal tunnel syndrome should avoid this.
- Those with high blood pressure and heart diseases should not practise this.
- Those suffering from cerebral thrombosis should avoid this.
- Individuals with ankle and knee injury must not practise this.

LIMITATIONS
- People with hypertension and heart problems should avoid it.
- Those who suffer from ulcers, hip injuries, vertigo, knee problems, abdominal hernia and sciatica must avoid it.
- People with lower back pains or spinal problems must avoid this.
- People with stress on the thigh, knees, calf and ankle should not put more effort.

— by N Elumalai, PhD scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

NOW STREAMING

REGIONAL

ODEYA (Kannada)
Gajendra owns a transport company and also takes care of local residents, citizens and the poor with utmost care and affection. He and his four brothers lead a happy life helping the needy and protecting them from anti-social elements.
- Streaming on: Amazon Prime
- Starring: Darshan, Sanah Thimmayyah, Yashas Surya

ATHADU (Telugu)
Nandu, an orphan, is a professional killer. He performs his operations with the help of his buddy. In one such operation, he is noticed by the cops. Subsequently, his life takes a dramatic turn.
- Cast: Mahesh Babu, Trisha Krishnan, Sonu Sood, Prakash Raj
- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar
- Registration: ₹ 399 per year

SPYDER (Telugu)
Shiva, an intelligence officer, develops a phone software that helps him track those in need of help. He sets out to save the people of Hyderabad when he realises that a serial killer is on the loose.
- Cast: Mahesh Babu, SJ Surya, Rakul Preet Singh, Bharath
- Watch on: Netflix
- Registration: ₹ 199 per month

CHOKED (Hindi)
A bank employee weighed down by her jobless husband's debts — and her own broken dreams — finds a secret source of seemingly unlimited cash in her home.
- Cast: Saiyami Kher, Roshan Mathew, Amruta Subhash
- Watch on: Netflix
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PATHEMARI (Kannada)
Narayanan, a young man, goes to Dubai to make a living. He faces many struggles working there but braves them for the sake of his family and their happiness.
- Cast: Mammootty, Jewel Mary, Sreenivasan,
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AXONE (Hindi)
In Delhi, friends from Northeast India prepare a pungent delicacy for a wedding party, sparking conflict and comedy with their unaccustomed neighbours.
- Cast: Sayani Gupta, Lin Laishram, Tenzing Dalha
- Watch on: Netflix
- Registration: ₹ 199 per month

WHAT ARE THE ODDS? (Hindi)
When two unlikely friends play hooky from school, accidental encounters and otherworldly events turn their day into a whimsical coming-of-age journey.
- Cast: Yashaswani Dayama, Karanvir Malhotra Abhay Deol
- Watch on: Netflix
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ENGLISH/FOREIGN

THE BIG SICK (English)
Kumail is a Pakistani comic, who meets an American graduate student named Emily at one of his stand-up shows. As their relationship blossoms, he soon becomes worried about what his traditional Muslim parents will think of her. When Emily suddenly comes down with an illness that leaves her in a coma, Kumail finds himself developing a bond with her deeply concerned mother and father.
- Cast: Kumail Nanjiani, Zoe Kazan, Holly Hunter, Anupam Kher
- Watch on: Amazon Prime
- Registration: ₹ 129 per month

IN THE NAME OF (Polish: Wimię...)
Adam, a Roman Catholic priest in rural Poland, knows that he desires men and his embrace of the priesthood has been a flight from his sexuality. When he meets a particular young man, self-imposed abstinence becomes a heavy burden.
- Cast: Tomasz Schuchardt, Mateusz Kościukiewicz, Andrzej Chyra, Maja Ostaszewska
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TALES FROM THE LOOP (English)
Inspired by the wondrous paintings of Simon Stålenhag, Tales from the Loop explores the mind-bending adventures of the people who live above the Loop, a machine built to unlock and explore the mysteries of the universe — making things previously relegated to science fiction, possible.
- Cast: Rebecca Hall, Jonathan Pryce, Paul Schneider
- Watch on: Amazon Prime
- Registration: ₹ 129 per month

HEADSHOT (Thai)
A detective spends three months in a coma and sees everything upside down after he is shot in the head. He becomes an assassin and tries to eliminate anyone who lives above the law.
- Cast: Nopachai Jayanama, Cris Horwang, Joey Boy
- Watch on: Mubi
- Registration: ₹ 499 per month

QUICK FIX

ARROWROOT KALLI

INGREDIENTS

Arrowroot powder: 2 tbsp
Jaggery syrup: 3/4 cup
Grated coconut: 1.5 tbsp
A few drops of **ghee**

METHOD
- Mix the arrowroot powder in 1/2 cup water without lumps and keep aside. In a pan, add the jaggery syrup, keep on low flame.
- Add arrowroot. Stir till it gets cooked. In about five minutes it will become like a halwa.
- Add coconut and ghee. Serve hot.

— Rama Shecar, Cochin

What's cooking IN YOUR KITCHEN DURING THIS LOCKDOWN?

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OVERSEAS DREAMS IN THE LURCH

Students keen on pursuing higher studies at foreign universities are putting their plans on hold in light of the pandemic

• Muneef Khan

Uncertainty on the commencement of classes, deferrals options and the worry of losing precious time...foreign university applicants in the city are a worried bunch. While some have halted their plans for the current year, many still await the final decision from universities with a looming sense of anxiety. For 32-year-old Imran Khan, a project manager, the current year was to see a possible move to the United Kingdom to pursue a masters in Global Management, which he has now dropped given that most colleges have resorted to carry their first term's online. "I've been planning to go for two years and I can't waste another year. So, I decided to go ahead with study options in Canada, where the course duration is one year and six months unlike the UK, where courses are only for a year. This way, I can still continue working while the initial term is held online, and when I do move on campus, I'll have a year in hand to network and gain exposure, which I will lose out on in the UK," says Khan for whom the pandemic has limited his study options.

Agrees 26-year-old, Karthik Ezhilvannan, an apprentice leader at Mu Sigma who currently holds two offers to pursue a masters in business administration at universities in the USA – University of California, Los Angeles, USC Marshall School of Business. He asserts his current worry is that while colleges have made no changes to their calendar. "Given how the unlock phase has been in India, what if there's a delay for another six months? That's 25 per cent of my two-year course going online. The colleges are also not reducing the tuition fee for the classes held online. Tier-1 colleges won't let you defer given that they have a strong waitlist and if you do get a defferal, they come with a new set of conditions which can also result in the loss of my scholarship next year," says Ezhilvannan.

For Nandini R, an HR executive at a city-based management consulting firm, her plans of moving to Canada for a post-graduate diploma in Global Business at Centennial College faced an abrupt halt. She asserts that while her application was successfully submitted, the college has decided not to review applications due to the COVID outbreak. "I am looking at applying to universities in Canada for the January intake since my current plans have fallen flat. Other countries weren't on my list since Canada has better future prospects for my area of study which differ from opportunities even in the UK," says Nandini.

Speaking on condition of anonymity, an education agent in the city with a leading international education consulting firm explained that the current situation is still uncertain as universities have asked students to wait till July for an update. "A lot of students are still holding onto their offers until the final announcement in July. The situation now is on hold and visa centres are yet to reopen. Things don't look bleak for the current year since universities – UK, Canada have asserted that the situation is improving, but it's up to students whether they'd like to proceed," she said.

I've been planning to go to the United Kingdom for the last two years, and now, I cannot waste another year. So, I have decided to go ahead with study options in Canada instead of the UK

—**Imran Khan,** project manager

WHEN STUDIES COLLIDE, YES, NO, MAYBE!

OPEN SPACE
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I was sipping my morning cuppa of hot tea when my eyes stopped at the news – Tea is not good for your heart. Just the other day a study told me it was good for the heart. And I am a tea-totaller – drink only tea. Now I am confused – is tea good or bad?

Again I don't know if a low-carb diet is good or a low-fat one when it comes to weight loss. For you have contradicting studies. Or maybe I should stop eating? Or weight and watch and not rely on any 'scientific' study? Even experts say that we can take some studies with a healthy dose of scepticism.

I find that health and diet studies don't agree on anything. For that matter even health experts don't seem to see eye to eye. Everyone is contradicting everyone else. More so when it comes to the novel coronavirus. The pandemic doesn't have to be this confusing. First and foremost, did the virus pop out of a lab or a bat? The answer is yes and no to both. It depends on whose opinion you agree with!

Confounding the confusion, US President Donald Trump added his own bit on March 27. He said: "You can call it a germ, you can call it a flu, you can call it a virus. You know, you can call it many different names. I'm not sure anybody even knows what it is."

In a pandemic which is novel to all, experts at least agree that it is a virus called SARS-CoV-2 that is related to the original SARS virus. Both are members of the coronavirus family. This piece of information doesn't really reassure me in anyway, not when I am told my life is at risk.

No one is telling me why only some people contract it while others don't. Exactly how transmissible and deadly is the virus? What are the symptoms? Dare I cough, sneeze? Now sore throat and muscle pain are included. Every time I read about the symptoms, I feel I have all of them. There are studies and studies telling one thing or the other and there are studies and studies contradicting them. Perhaps the virus knows how it should behave.

Do we have to wear a mask or not? If we do, then for how long? Again health studies give contradicting opinions. While one study says a mask will not really protect one from the virus, the latest study says widespread use of the mask will help control the spread of the virus. I hope the mask knows what it is supposed to do.

Whenever I look for information, I see a new study contradicting the previous one. Scientists keep telling us that findings are always subject to change when new evidence emerges. I understand all that. Meanwhile, I am sure I am confused!

Let me be very clear. I am not saying research studies are a waste of time and money. But a few years ago I saw most newspapers splashing this news: 'Women are more intelligent than men!', according to an international research study. Does it really make sense to spend billions of dollars or pounds and state the obvious? Contradicting study? What is that?

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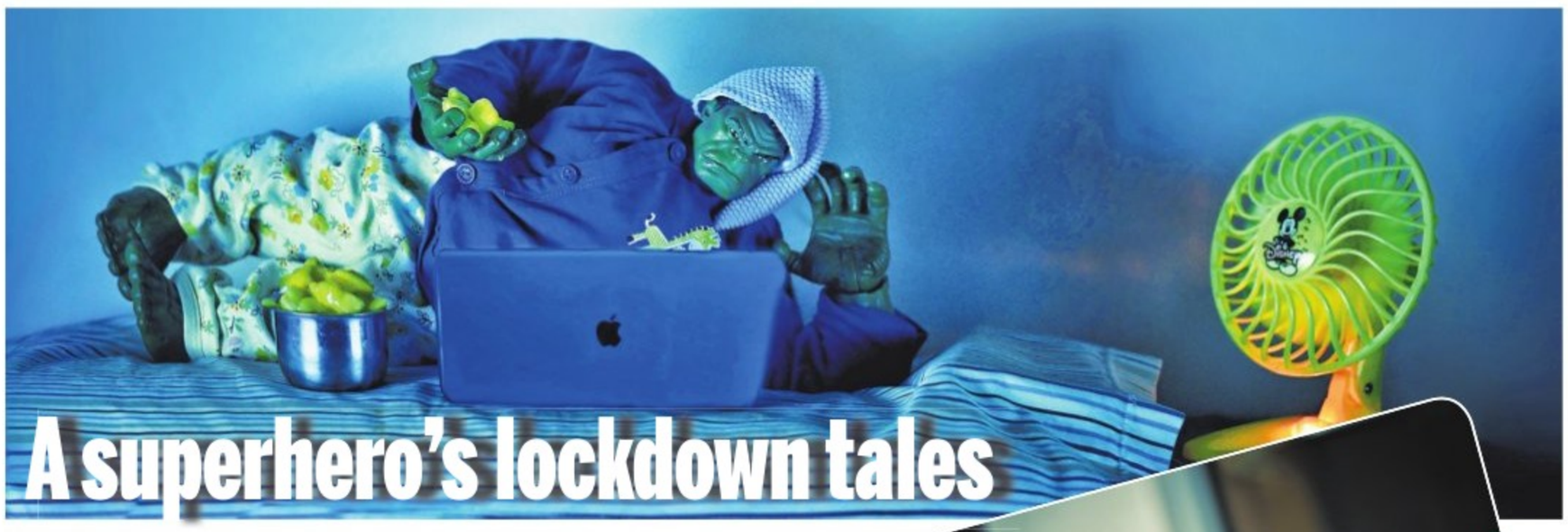

A superhero's lockdown tales

• Vaishali Vijaykumar

'Don't make me angry. You wouldn't like me when I'm angry.' It will take only a few seconds for any Marvel Comic fan to recollect this popular dialogue of fictional superhero Hulk, the uncontrollable green monster, powered by rage. For someone who has given tough fights in challenging situations and smashed strong characters such as Thor, Thanos etc in superhero films; how would he have handled the pandemic-induced lockdown on the earth? Guru Charan, a Marvel fan, gave the superhero a humble makeover in his photo series, Hulk in lockdown. The 10-picture series has gone viral on social media platforms. It shows Hulk in different avatars, performing everyday activities such as a priest performing pooja, carrying a grocery bag after shopping, ironing clothes, baby-sitting his child, and more...

"During the pandemic-induced lockdown, we have been constantly hearing how frontline workers have become superheroes. This piqued my curiosity to find out how the real superheroes could've handled the lockdown. I've done a few superhero series in the past but this one turned out to be close to my heart," explains Charan, who works as a software engineer in Whitefield. He adds "My first choices were Ironman and Thanos. However, only Hulk was sturdy enough to withstand the heavy winds during outdoor shoots."

Charan and his wife, along with their seven-month-old baby, are stuck at their hometown Anantapur in Andhra Pradesh because of the lockdown. Luckily, carrying a few toys and cameras worked in his favour. "I've been collecting miniature toys, action figurines, and everyday objects for the past two years as a hobby. After planning to do a series, I created a storyboard, arranged a few costumes, and accessories for the shoot with whatever was available at home," says Charan, has posted the whole series on his Instagram handle. He continues "My baby's clothes and old dhoti was used to dress up the 15-inch figurine of Hulk who would otherwise only wear a pair of jeans. His make-up takes 45 minutes, then I have to look for the location, sunlight exposure, and composition. Some photos were shot in the evening and some in the dark." It took him 25 days to complete the project that began on May 10.

Charan, who has been pursuing photography part time for more than eight years, wanted to give a humorous touch to Hulk's otherwise aggressive personality. The sole idea was to portray what the life of a superhero on earth would look like to motivate people to get through these tough times. However, his favourite one is where he dons an apron and hat like a chef while cooking. "Adding human elements to a toy creates a universal appeal. We've all been leading a monotonous life and it has taken a toll on everybody's mental health during this lockdown. I'm glad that this series has managed to bring a smile on everyone's face," he says.

LOVEOLOGY
Mahesh Natarajan

STORMY DAYS

Representative picture

The monsoon winds are here. Our skies are darkened and the cool, wet westerlies are blowing through our lands, announcing their arrival with the rustling of trees and the clanging of doors and windows left unattended, sometimes with such force that we are startled by the noise.

It feels as if someone is stormily exiting a room after a quarrel.

There is something quite universal about a banging door that signifies a fight ending abruptly in a huff in families everywhere, furious parents try to train their children out of it, though the jury is out on whether it is a behaviour they learn from the adults around them or if there is something more primal in our nature that makes us express our frustration by banging doors or whatever else is around. Even if there are no doors to bang shut, people tend to make some big noise and dramatic action – anything from stomping their feet and jumping, to smashing a plate or seeing something crash.

When we can see the storm outside, the storm inside finds some resonance and hopefully calms down to see what's next. The visual representation of a visceral emotion is gratifying.

Thing is, the slamming of the door is the least of it. The violence of such actions inevitably causes damage. The door slammed shut too often tends to come off its hinges, or destroy the springs in its lock systems, or even the frame within which it is held. Sometimes, the slammed door can cause such massive reverberations that it might even crack a window near by or cause other collateral damage. If there is a storm coming about which we are forewarned, we would take all necessary precautions. Our windows would get shut and battened down, doors secured shut, clothes and things brought in, and anything that might fly away secured and tied down. We do all that to secure our household from damage. If we know there is an emotional storm inside that is likely to similarly explode into a storm outside, wouldn't we want to protect everything that is vulnerable and keep them secured against damage?

Our emotional storms do more damage than just a bruised door here and there. We tend to hurt the most vulnerable parts of the people we live with and know very well. Our emotional storms throw out lightning strikes that are sharp jabs at exactly the weakest spots of the people around us, hurting them so sharply that it often just takes their breath away and floors them. The damage these cause is a lot more to long-lasting and painful. Worse, other reactive storms come up and it becomes a mess like some apocalyptic movie where survivors are trying to however they can between wild and destructive storms.

We can secure our doors and things for the monsoon winds and storms, but when it is a person causing all that wreckage, we absolutely want that person to take the ownership and storm out responsibly.

The writer is a counsellor with InnerSight

Birthday love

Prasad Bidapa took to Instagram to wish his wife Judi Bidapa on her birthday. A best friend and muse to the fashion guru, he has never shied away from expressing his love. Even author Shobhaa De, a friend, commented with birthday wishes, playfully calling her 'Beauteous Judith'.

'SUSHANT SINGH RAJPUT WANTED TO FLY'

Friends and collaborators remember the talented actor, who died by suicide at 34

● Shilajit Mitra

Actor Sushant Singh Rajput died by suicide at his Mumbai home on Sunday. He was 34. He is survived by his father and four sisters.

Sushant had appeared in films like Kai Po Che!, Shhudh Desi Romance, Detective Byomkesh Bakshy! and M.S. Dhoni: The Untold Story. His last releases were Sonchiriya, Chhichhore and Drive (on Netflix). The actor had started his career on television, appearing on the shows Kis Desh Mein Hai Meraa Dil and Pavitra Rishta.

We spoke to some of his friends and collaborators in the aftermath of his demise.

ANAND GANDHI

I met him last on March 4, a few days before the lockdown. I've been unable to reconcile the times we've spent together with his urge to end his life. He was dealing with depression for sure, but at the same time had a vigorous desire to create and live. Our conversations would last for hours. He'd bring his lens of astrophysics to my cognitive biology. I'd mention the neurobiology of behavior and he'd talk about infrastructure we wanted to lay down together. He wanted to be in zero gravity and learn how to fly...

Sushant was one of the first actors to commit to my upcoming script, Emergence. He wanted to be in my web show, Saheli and play an astronaut in Khusboo's (Ranka) film. Two weeks ago, we discussed a horror script I had written during the lockdown. He wanted to come down to Goa and shoot it with me. He also wanted to do a parallel non-fiction version of our upcoming sci-fi comedy series, with him being the host.

The question of whether life is transient or permanent has kept us awake for thousands of years. At its simplest, there's continuity in the form of ideas, concepts, memories, and inquiries that a person has poured into the zeitgeist. We achieve meaning by making our lives about things that are much bigger than us. I think Sushant did that.

ALKA AMIN, CO-ACTOR (*KEDARNATH*, 2018)

The Sushant I remember was happy and full of life. He was a forward-looking person. He'd talk happily about his future plans for his life and career. During Kedarnath, we were shooting high up in the mountains. It was a remote location and you couldn't move around. Between shoots, Sushant would keep us entertained by playing Antakshari. He enjoyed reciting sher aur shayari (Urdu poetry). He would sit around with his kafila (group) and sing. He really loved to sing.

MOHAMMAD SAMAD, CO-ACTOR (*CHHICHHORE*)

I am deeply disheartened and sad. I pray for him and his family. He was a fantastic actor, very calm on set. He treated me well and spent a lot of time with me. There is a small scene in Chhichhore where my character is asleep (and Sushant steps in to check on him). I couldn't get the moment right and he helped me figure it out. I had also spent a day with him at his home for a party. He was sweet enough to invite me and I had a great time.

SCREENWRITER SIDDARTH SINGH OF SIDDHARTH-GARIMA DUO (*RAABTA*, 2017)

It is so shocking and difficult to believe. Sushant was a fabulous guy. Everything seemed to be going well with him. We'd seen him closely and there were no signs of him being depressed as such. I guess we'll never know what went on behind his smile. He was a good actor, always willing to experiment. He really loved the script of Raabta. Although the film did not work, he had chased it for a year and was excited about the project. We will always cherish him in our memories.

A still from *Home Minister*

Upendra-starrer *Home Minister* faces censor board post lockdown

One of the first few films to be watched by the censor board, this movie has received a U/A certification even as release date is uncertain

● A Sharadhaa

The members of the censor board are back to work from, and have watched eight films, including Upendra starrer *Home Minister*. The film has received a U/A certification. Directed by Sujay K Srihari under Poorna Naidu Productions.

The release date of the much-awaited film will depend on the reopening date of theatres which have been shut for over two months. *Home Minister* features Vedhika Kumar in the female lead, along with Tanya Hope who plays a pivotal role in the film. The title of the film created curiosity, especially with Upendra mentioning that the title has other meanings to it, in his previous interactions with *CE*.

"People have been assuming it is a political film, but Home Minister can be a term that can be used to describe someone at home as well", Upendra had mentioned about the family entertainer. *Home Minister's* music has been directed by Mohamaad Ghibran for whom this is his Kannada debut. Antony of *2.0* is editing the film. The film also includes Sadhu Kokila and Avinash in the ensemble cast.

Muhurath fixed for *Srikrishna@gmail.com*

The film, starring Krishna and directed by Nagashekar, will be launched in a simple event on June 18, sans invitees

● CE Features

Amidst the pandemic, the makers for *Srikrishna@gmail.com* have gone ahead and fixed the muhurat for the film. Produced by Sandesh Nagaraj and directed by Nagashekar, the film starring Love Mocktail hero, Krishna will be launched on June 18 at Arjun Janya's studio. Sandesh Productions, which announced the muhurath, mentions that it will be a simple event with no invitees, but have requested good wishes from fans. The film will be launched in the presence of the producer, lead actor, director and the technical crew.

The director will start the song recording, along with Arjun Janya. Meanwhile, the rest of the cast is being finalised. The film will also see national award winner Dattanna playing a pivotal role in the action-love entertainer. *Srikrishna@gmail.com* will have Satya Hegde handling the camerawork, while Arun Sagar will take care of the art department. Deepu S Kumar will be at the edit desk and Ravi Varma will perform the stunts.

Krishna

Interesting premise, uneven execution

● Sajin Shrijith

The idea of evil doppelgangers has been exploited effectively by a multitude of filmmakers such as Basil Dearden in *The Man Who Haunted Himself*, Padmarajan in *Aparan*, and most recently, Jordan Peele in *Us*. But Netflix's new Italian series *Curon*, also about doppelgangers, doesn't have the storytelling sophistication of its predecessors.

This supernatural series begins interestingly enough, at a creepy hotel in *Curon*, a real location in Italy with its own mythical past. After a haunting incident forces her to leave, a woman, Anna, returns years later to the same place with her children, fraternal twins. The hotel is as creepy as before. It's like the hotel from *The Shining* but without its striking personality. Sounds of creaky doors are a daily occurrence. The city is prone to constant blackouts owing to its bad electrical network. These are all tried-and-tested spook tropes. However, one thing the series gets it right is photography. The interplay of light and shadows conjures up enough dread.

It's all good until Anna decides to enrol her kids in the local school. From there, the series begins to look like every pedestrian teenage-centric Netflix drama ever made. These are token teenage characters we have seen before. Take, for example, the guy with a crush on a girl meeting with disappointment when he learns of her feelings for a girl. Or the fact that all the teenagers hate their parents. None of this is new. It's as if teenagers are essential in every story pitch made to Netflix.

Series name: *Curon*
Created by: Ezio Abbate, Ivano Fachin, Giovanni Galassi, Tommaso Matano
Cast: Valeria Bilello, Margherita Morchio, Federico Russo, Luca Lionello
Streaming on: Netflix
RATING 2/5

All of the teenage characters, especially male ones, are devoid of a memorable personality. The only cool character is Anna's daughter Daria, who confidently walks into every room like she owns the place. She doesn't take any s***t from anyone, especially the guys. But her character development doesn't go beyond that. The adults in *Curon* don't fare any better. They all share a past; but again, the familiarity of it all gets in the way.

We often get images and conversations related to duality. In one of their literature classes, the teacher talks about the presence of two wolves inside all of us: how they are constantly fighting with each other and the one that eventually wins is the one that you feed. When one of the boys feeds his 'bad wolf', his doppelganger arrives in the middle of the night to wreak havoc and puts the series in slasher movie mode. These doubles are often referred to as 'shadows' and 'apparitions', but they are very much in flesh-and-blood form. They appear out of nowhere, and there's not much explanation given as to their origins.

Curon is yet another series with an interesting set-up that eventually turns into a boring mess because of the unappealing characters. It's difficult to feel anything for them and after a certain point, you don't care what happens to them or how it all ends. There is likely going to be a season two (based on the way this one ends), but I'm not looking forward to it.